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procuator et prolocutor nomine et ex parte dieti domini, humiliter petiit et reqdisiuit a vicecomite antedicto, deseruitione eiusdam breuis partitionis sive diuisionis capelle regie per ipsum dominum impetrati et dicto vicecomiti presentati, ac ad erucem fori de Striueling per Wilemum Quodquhen seriandum de Striueling publice proclamati, deseruendi fori in pretorio burgi de Striueling, die prescripto. Quodquidem breue dictus Johannes Dominus Erskin vicecomes recepit, et ibidem in curia perlegi fecit et suum officiarium seu seriandum in fenestra pretorie de Striueling, partem aduersam, si qua fuerat, pro suo jure et interesse in deseruitione dicti breuis ter per proclamatum publicum vocare fecit, nullaque parte aduersa comparente, idem Andreas prolocutor nomine quo supra ibidem in curia petiit et clamauit dimediam partem omnium et singularium terrarum de Innerallone, dimediem partem molendini earundem, cum pertinentiis jacientium infra vicecomitatum de Striueling, et predicto domino pertinentem hereditarie. Et tune dictus vicecomes eligere fecit condignam assisam ad hoc juratam pro deseruitione dicti breuis partitionis sive diuisionis, videlicet, honorabiles viros, Duncanum Forestar de Gerden, Ninianum Setoun de Tulehfresale, Walterum Forestar de Torwod milites, Jacobum Edmontoun de Bouchquhaderok, Arthurum Stewart de Culbege, Jacobum Spettale de Blair, Robertum More de Boquhopill, Richardum Barne de Hill, Johannem Knok de Ardmuel. Robertum Calender de Maner, Alexandrum Lewingstoun de Treuenteran, Robertum Bruyss de Auchinbowy, Thomam Somervel filium et heredem apperentem Dauid Somervel de Plane, Patricium Pardowin de Threty Akeris, et Walterum Sellar. Qua assisa supradicta, de curia remota, ac eum instructionibus juribus et allegationibus dicti Andree Mortoun prolocutoris bene avisata, in eadem curia reentrans, decreuit, inuenit et deliberauit quod dictus Alexander tenetur habere dimediem omnium et singularium terrarum de Inneralloun, dimediem molendini earundem, dimediem dominum eum suis pertinentiis, secundum tenorem carte sue. Post quamquidem deliberationem, idem vicecomes, virtute sui officii, despero sorte mittere fecit ut moris est in talibus fieri consuetu, quibus sortibus sic datis et projectis, sors dicti domini Alexandri Hume pro sua parte dictarum terrarum de Inneralloun, dimedia parte molendini earunlem, cum pertinentiis ecceidit super solem, videlicet le sonesyde. De et super quibus omnibus et singulis dicitur Andreas Mortoun, prolocutor nomineque prefati Domini Hume, a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit unum aut plura, publicum seu publica, instrumentum aut instrumenta. Acta erant hec in pretorio prefati burgi de Striueling, hora prima post meridiem vel coeircia, sub anno, die, mense, inductione et pontificatu quibus supra. Presentibus ibidem prouidis viris videlicet, Alexandro Forestare de Bad, Johanne Neilson, Thoma Porterfeild, Henrico Stewart, Johanne Darow, Johanne Gentilman, Willemo Burgess, Johanne Galloway, Roberto Fergusson, Roberto



Donaldo Howat, seriandis, et Archibaldo Dawsoun, cum diuersis aliis ad premissa vocatis specialiter atque rogatis.

Et ego Robertus Cunynghame clerius Sanctiandree diocesis publicus auctoritate apostolica notarius. Quia etc.

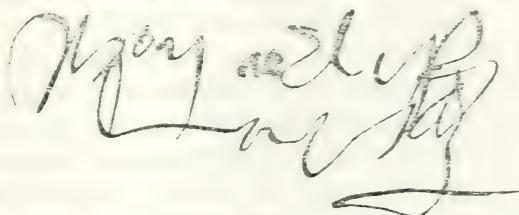
ROBERTUS CUNYNGHAME.

OBLIGATION by John Earl of Leuenax and Lord Dernlie, to infest William Striueling of Glore in the lands of Kepoch, 3rd February 1514.

93. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris, ws Johne, Erle of Leuenax and Lord Dernlie: That forsamekle as our traist cousyng and familiar seruitour, Williame Striueling of Glore, has be his labouris, travellis, costis, and expensis, gotten and opetenit to ws the Castale of Dunbertane; and for his faithfull and thankfull seruice maid be hym to ws in tymis bigane, and to be maid to ws for all the dais of his life: Thairfor we bynd and oblis ws, be the faith and treuth in our body, to the said William our seruitour, that we sall, God willing, within ane zer nixt efter the dai of the dait her of, infest heretablie the said William, for the causis abone expremit, be charter and sesing in dew forme, in all and syndrie our landis of the Kepoch, extending to fyve pund land of auld extent, wyth the pertinence, liand in our erldome of the Leuenax, within the schirefdom of Dunbertane, fre. for a penne of blanchferme, to be haldin of ws and our airis; and for the sekir infesting of the said William heretablie in the saidis fornemmit landis within the said zer, we sall caus apone our expensis my lady our moder to denud hir of hir coniuncteffeit and rycht that scho has now of the saidis lands of Kepoch; swa for the causis abone expremyt we sall caus the said William and his airis to be maid sovir and sekir in the saidis landis, but fraud or gile: And failzeing that we or our airis infest nocht heretablie be charter and sesing, in the maist sekir wis that can be deuisit, the said William and his airis in the fornemmit landis of Kepoch in maner and kynd forsaide, we bynd and oblis ws, faithfully as said is, to content and pay to the said Williame within fourti dais nixt efter the out runnyng of the said zer, the soyme of fyve hundred merkis of the gud and vsuale money of Scotland for the causis abone expremit, and for costis, scaithis, dammagis, and expensis sustenit and to be sustenit be the said Williame thairthrov: To the obseruynge, keping, and fulfillyng of all and syndre the premissis and euery part of it, we bind and oblis ws faithfully as said is, our airis executouris and assignis, our and thair landis, rentis, possessionis, gulis monable and vnmouable, had and to be had within the kinrik of Scotland, to the said Williame Striueling, his airis and assignis, in the siekerest forme



and stile of obligacion, visit or that can be maid, na remeid of law in the contrar to be proponit nor allegit but fraud or gile: In witnes of the quhaik thing to thir present letteris, subscrivit with our hand, our sole is affixt, at the burgh of Dunbertane, the third day of the moneth of Februar, the zer of God 1514 and fourtene zeris, befor thir witnes, Master James Stewart, Persone of Cardross, Master Robert Maxwell Persone of Tarbolstone, Patrik Maxwell of Newark, John Sympil of Fowlis, Patrik Danzelstone, and Andre Stewart, with vtheris dymers.



GRANT by John Earl of Lennox and Lord Dernle, to William Striueling of Glore, to be Captain and Keeper of the Castle of Dunbertane, during his life, 6th February 1514.

94. BE it kend till all men by thir present letteris, ws John, Erle of Lennox and Lord Dernle, till haf maid, constitut, and ordanit, and be the tenour of thir present letteris, makis, constitutis, and ordanis our trairt consyng and familiar serviteur, William Striueling of Glore, our Capitane and Kepar of the Castale of Dunbertane induryng all the dais of his lif; for his thankfull and taithfull service mad and to be mad be hym to ws induryng his said lif tyme: Giffand, gryuantand, and committand to our said Capitane and Kepar of the said Castale, our full plane power and speciale licence to deput ordane and mak under hym, constabillis, portaris, jewell ris, and wachmenis, and thaim to input and output at his will and emplesour, induryng all the dais and tyme of his said lif: And atour assignis and transferris to the said William our Capitane, the hale prant pertenyng to the keping of the said Castale, videlicet, landis, annuell rentis, fermis, gersumunis, dwiteis, and daw seruice, with the wache-meile of Kilpatrick, and all vthir thingis and profitis perteneng to the keping of the said Castale: And mar atour we obdis ws faithfully to the said William, that quhat he or his serviteuris ar disolvit in the payment getting of the malis, fermis, gersumunis, annuell rentis, dwiteis, daw seruice, and wache meil, or in any pair of thaim perteneng to the keping of the said Castale: that we sal incouenant therfor intir the samin wpon our expensis, to the utilite and profit of the said William, to the behalfe



and profit of the keping of the said Castale, als oft and how oft it beis holdin fra the said Williame: and als sall do all diligence to get mair profit to the keping of the said Castale, at the Kingis handis, or the governour of the realme: And at our has constitut and maid the said Williame our Balze of all and hale the landis pertenyng to the keping of the said Castle, hand within the realme of Scotland: geiffand and grauntand to our said balze, our full and plane power, all and syndrie courtis or courtis induryng all the dais of his said lif, to hale, scot, chivalrie, and begin of the saidis landis, and thaim to prolong and contynew as he sall think caus: sydis to gaer coll: trespassouris to punys: vnlawes, eschetis, and amerciamens of the said courtis to vplift, rais, and tak to his vse and profit, and for thaim, gef neid beis, to paynd and distrenze: all membris and officiaris of the said courtis, to chas, mak, and gaer be suorne: The landis quhatsumeuer pertenyng to the keping of the said Castale, to set for maile, gersum, and ferme, as he sall think maist spoufull, for lang termis or schert: The men, tenentis, mairis, and cotaris, induellaris apont the saidis landis, thaim to input and out put of the saidis landis, at his will and impleasur, and vtheris to input in the samyne as he sall think caus, induryng all the dais of his said lif: The men, tenentis, and inhabitantis within the saidis baronewit landis, thair come, catle, or vther guidis quhatsumeuer, attaydit or arrestit, for quhatsumeuer caus, befor quhatsumeuer juge of law, to borow, replege, and haue bring to the fredome and privilege of our said courtis, calraechis to fynd dais and places till partis: consignacoun for ministracione of justice to lymait and set: protestacionis to mak, and instrumentis to caus: Ferme and stabul indlaund and for to haue all and quhatsumeuer thingis the said Williame, our Capitane and Balze fersid, in our name belis to be done: And this our letter to last and indure to the said Williame for all the dais of his lif, but fred or gile: In witnes of the quilk thing to thir present letoris, subscriuitt with our hand, our sele is affixt, at Dumferre, the sext dae of the moneth of Februar, the zer of God, 1<sup>o</sup> v<sup>e</sup> and fourtene x<sup>o</sup>is, befor this witness, Master James Stewart, Persone of Cardross, Master Robert Maxwell, Persone of Tarbolone, Patrick Maxwell of Neuerk, Johne Sympill of Fodwool, Johne Legane of Gartemwell, George Culquhen of the Gleyne, and Patrik Danzelstone, with vtheris dunders.

JHON ERL OF LECENAX.

Grant by King James V, to John Straniling of the Kyl, of the movertie of the half of the lands of Breckland Kinloch, 15th October 1515.



and subditis. quham it offeris quhais knowleg: thir oure letteris selcum. and in speciale to our Shireff of Perthe, and Stewart of Menteth, and thare deputis. Greeting Wit ze ws, with consent and avis of oure derrest cousing, and tuteur, Johne, Duke of Albany &c. Protectour and Governoour of oure Realme, and lordis componitoris, to haue gevin and grantit, and be thir oure letteris, gavis and grantis, to oure louit familiare knycht, Johne Strineling of the Kerk, and his assignais, ane or ma, all and hale, the males, profitis, and dewiteis quhatsunmeuer, of all and hale the haiff of the landis of Brekland Kinloch, with the pertientis, extending to fyve merk land or auld extent, land within the shireffdomme of Perthe, and Stewartry of Menteth, now being in oure handis and pertenyng to ws, throw nonentre of the richtius are or ayris of the samyn, of all zeris and termes bigane that the saidis landis has bene in the handis of ws, or oure predecessoris quhatsunmeuer, be reson forsaid, and of all termes to cum, that the saidis landis sall happen to be in ouris or oure successouris handis, and ay and quhill the entre of the richtius are or ayris tharof, and ay and quhill that optene lauchfull state sesing and possessionum tharof. To be holdin and to be had, all and hale the saidis males, fermes, profitis and dewiteis of the said halff landis of Brekland Kinloch, with the pertientis, to the said Johne and assignais forsaidis, of all zeris and termes bigane and to cum, as said is, with powere to thame to intromett and tak vp the samyn, and gif neyd beis, to peynd compell, and distrenze tharof, after the forme of law, and to occupy the saidis landis with thare avne guidis, or to sett thame to tennentis at thare avn plesour, with all and sindry commoditeis, fredomes, profitis, esementis, and richtius pertenyng tharto quhatsunmeuer, frelie, quietlie, weli, and in pece, but ony obstacle, impediment or agane culling. Quharefor We charge straitly, and comandis zow all and sindry oure legis and subditis forsaids, that haue of zow tak apon hand to mak ony impediment, let, or disturbance to the said Johne or his assignais forsaids, in the peaceable possessionum, bruking, seising, intrometting and disponyng apoun the males, profitis and dewiteis of the saidis landis, of the saidis termes bigane and to cum, during the tyme forsaid, after the tenour of thir oure letteris, vnder all pane and charge that efter may follow, and that ye oure Shireff and Stewart forsaid, and zour deputis, mak the said Johne and his saidis assignais, be reddeleie anserit and obeyt, of all the saidis males, fermes, profitis, and dewiteis of termes bigane, and gif neyd beis, to peynd, compell, distrenze, and appris the saidis landis for the samyn, as offeris, by all termes and process of law, according to justice and vse in sic cisis. Gevin under oure privy seal at Edinburgh, the xxv day of October the xere of God I<sup>m</sup> v<sup>r</sup> xv xris, and of oure regne the thryd xere



Per Signaturam manibus dicti Domini gubernatoris et Dominorum compenitrum  
subscriptam &c.

xvij? Julij anno Domini &c. xvij? Per hanc literam allocatur Senescallo de  
Menteth de firmis terrarum de Brekland Kinloch lxvj? xiiij: iiiij?

H. MACK.

DECREE at the instance of John Striueling of the Keir, Knight, against John Kinross  
of Kipparess, 15th February 1515.

96. AT Edinburgh the xv day of Februar the xere of God 1515 v. and xv xeris. The lordis  
of Counsale vnderwritin, that is to say, ane maist reverend and reverend faderis in God,  
James Archbischop of Glasgw, chaneclar David Bischop of Galloway: noble and  
michtie lordis, James Erle of Merteun, Hew Erle of Eglinboun, Gilbert Erle of  
Cassillis, William Lord Barthnie, Patrik Lord Lindesay of the Byris, Jhone Lord  
Flemyngh, Jhone Lord Simple, Maister Grawne Dunbar, Archidene of Sanct Androis,  
Clerk of Registri, and Williame Keith of Inuernay knycht: Anent the summondis maid  
at the instance of Jhone Striueling of the Keir, knycht, as air and successour of  
vnuquhile Williame Striueling sone and than apperandair of vnuquhile Lucas Striueling  
of Ratherine, knycht, his grantschir, and als as air to vnuquhile Williame Striueling of  
Keir knycht his fader, aganis Jhone Kinross of Kipparess, as air to vnuquhile Janet  
Kinross of Kipparess: to warrant, acquiet and defend to the said Jhone Striueling,  
all and sindry the landis of Lubnoch with the pertinentis, land in the lordship of  
Strogartnay, within the schir-filome of Perth, aftir the tenour of the charter of aliena-  
cionis maid be the said vnuquhile Janet Kinross, with claus of warandice far hir and  
hir airis, to the said vnuquhile Williame Striueling, grantschir to the said Jhone, and his  
airis, with vtheris bandis and evidensis thairupoun: Beicus the saidis landis of Lubnoch  
with the pertinentis war recognist in the landis of vnuquhile our souerane lord at last  
decessit, quhem God assolze, and decernit to pertene to his hienes for the alienacionis  
of the mare part thairof be the said Jhone Kinross predecessoris, as at mare length is  
conuenit in the decreit of proprieit givin tharewpon, quharthrou the said Jhone of  
Striueling was put fra the proprieit and possession of the saidis landis, lik as at mare  
lencht is conuenit in the said summondis: Baith the saidis partis being personaly  
present, thare richtis, resounis and allegacionis, herd, sone and understand, and  
tharewith being riplie avisit: The Lawis, & Chmelli decretis and delueris, that beicus  
the said landis of Lubnoch be givin to the said Jhone Striueling for his said service  
and vther gud dedis due to the Kingis Grace, therfor be him, and the successour in



his handis: Thairfor ordains that the said Jhone of Kinross, as air forsaid, sall warant, aequiet and defend to the said Jhone Striueling of the Keir knyght, als mekle als gud land, liand in als competent plaice, als frelie hal lin and of als greit avale as the saidis landis of Lupnocht, heretabli be chartir and saising, and that letteris be direct to comand and charge him to mak the said warandice, betuix and the ferd day of Maii next tecum deuly as efferis: and fulzeing thereof sall content and pay to the said Jhone Striueling, the sown of vii hundreth and fifty merkis, gud and vsuale money of Scotland for the warandice of the saidis landis. Becaus it is vr lirstand to the saidis Lordis that and he had componit with the King or his Thesaurar for the redemeicoun of the saidis landis out of his banells, eftir that the daire of forfaltour was gevin that the componicoun for the samyn wald haue excedit to the said sown of vii and fifty merkis as said is; and in that cas ordanis our souerane lordis letteris be direct to compell and distrenze the said Jhone Kinross, his landis and gudis for the said sown as efferis, the day of the said warandice being run and by past. Extractum de libro actorum per me Magistrum Gawinum Dunbar Archidiac. in aia Sanctiandree. Clericum Rotulorum Registri ac consilii supremi domini nostri Regis, sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

GAWINUS DUNBAR.

CONTRACT between Sir John Striueling of the Keire, Knight, and John Kinross of Kippinross, 10th April 1516.

97. AT Striueling, the x] day of Aprile, the air of God I<sup>m</sup> V<sup>o</sup>: and xvi zbris. It is concurdit and enlit betuix honorabill men, Schir Johnne Striueling of the Keire Knyght, one the ta part, and Johnne Kinross of Kippinross one the tother part, as efter followis: That fersan kil as the said Schir Johnne has opteit ane deerit be the lordis of Counsale aginst the said Johnne of Kinross, that becaus the landis of Lupnocht liand within the lordships of Stratgorcht and shirefleme of Perth, was analiit be vngylle Jonet Kinross to vngylle Schir Willame Striueling of Raterne Knyght, for certane sownes of money, and thairefter war recognust in the kingis handis and dome of propertiis giffin thairpon, suth that the said Schir Johnne was put fra the properte and possession thairof, and thairfor mycht nocht beke the samyn efter the forme of the said Jonets alienacion, as was clearly understandin be the saidis lordis: That thairfor the said Johnne Kinross, as air and successor to the said vngylle Jonet, sall warant, aequiet and defend to the said Schir Johnne, as air and successor to the said vngylle Schir Willame, als mekill als gude landis, als frely hal lin, of als



grete avale and in als competent place, as the saidis landis of Lippacht, and subd  
 infest bina heritabill thairinto be charter and seysing, betwix and the ferd day of  
 Maii next thairftir, and failzaend thairof, the said Johne subd content and pay to the  
 said Schir Johne the sowme of six hundreth and fifty merkis for warrandise of the  
 saidis landis; becaus it was understandin by the saidi, Louys that and the said Schir  
 Johne had componit with the King or his Thesauror for the redēmcion of the saidis  
 landis out of his handis, after that the dene of fortynur was giffin, that the composition  
 for the samyn wald have extensit to the said sowme of viij and fifty merkis, as at  
 mair length is conteint in the said deccret giffin thairpon. Notchwithstanding the said  
 Schir Johne morit of pete, and for the stoid and afeld part to be keptit to him be  
 the said Johne of Kinross, and for the removing of all conuencions fra the said Schir  
 Johne his predecessouris or successouris, and thair sawlis heir and befor thod, gif ony  
 conuencions be in the said mater, the said Schir Johne sall forgif and discharge, and  
 be thir presentis forgiffis and dischargis the sowme of a hundredth pundis of the  
 forenemmyt sowme of viij and fifty merkis optenit for warrandise as said is, and the  
 five hundredreth merkis that restis of the said sowme to be paid be the said Johne to the  
 said Schir Johne in favorabill maner as efterfollowis, becaus the said Johne has nocht  
 the said soyne rely in money, he sall infest heritabill the said Schir Johne and his  
 airis be charter and seysing in all and hale his landis of Auchlochy with the per-  
 tinens land within the sherifdom of Perch, to be haldin of our souvane lord the  
 Kingis grace, and the confirmation to be rasit thairpon to be one the said Schir  
 Johnis expensis, or than sall resing the saidis landis perly and symplly in the Kingis  
 handis, or my Lord Gouvernouris, in fauour of the said Schir Johne, quhilkis as the subd  
 Schir Johne sall think meste sone. And als sall resing his hous and croft with the  
 pertinens, callit the Spiell croft, and Merrowis akir at the brig end of Dunblane, the  
 quhilk croft Jones Struiling has in assedation in the landis of the Bischope of  
 Dunblane, or Balzeis of the Towne, as the said Schir Johne sall think meste expedient  
 in fauour of the said Schir Johne in likwyse. And becaus the half of the saidis landis  
 of Auchlochy at wedset be the said Johne to Walter Stewart, vnder the reversion  
 apone the sowme of a hundredth and ten merkis, that therfor the said Johne sall deliver  
 and gif to the said Schir Johne the said reversion to giffir with one sufficient power  
 and assignation to redēme and outquyte the subd half landis upon the said sowme of  
 a hundredth and ten merkis, quhilk seyne the said Schir Johne sall content and pay  
 to the said Walter: Quhilk vrande or bairn the said Schir Johne sall mak and  
 deliver to the said Johne ane sufficient letter of reversion under his seal, that it sall  
 be full to the said Johne and his airis to r' dom and to quyte the forenemmyt landis



of Auchlochy, hous, croft and aker, with thair pertinents apone xl dais warnynge apone the sowme of sax hundreth and ten merkis, to the end that the said Schir Johne sall be pait of the forenenant five hundreth merkis restand of the viij and fifty merkis obtenuit as said is, togidder with the hundreth and ten merkis to be laid downe be the said Schir Johne for the redemptioun of the said half landis out of the handis of the said Walter, quhilk sowme of viij and ten merkis quhilk may redeeme the saidis landis, hous and croft, to be pait in a sowme, hale and togidder, to the said Schir Johne or his airis, apone our Lady altar within the cathedrall kirk of Dunblane, upon a day, betwix the sone rising and the gaunging to of the samyn, in gold and siluer vsuale money of the realme, havand course for the tyme, togidder with a sufficiand letter of tak for five zeris of the saidis landis, hous, croft and aere, to be brakit be the said Schir Johne and his airis forsaidis, after the outquyting thairof, for fourtene merkis of male allanerly to be zeirly pait, endurand the said five zeris: Apone the quhilk reuersione the said Schir Johne sall obtene letteris of regress, and deliuer the samyn to the said Johne and his ayris: And it sall nocht be lesun to the said Johne nor his airis to redeeme nor outquyte the saidis landis, bot with thair awne propir guidis, nor sall haue na power to mak assignaillis, ane or may, to outpayte nor redeeme the samyn: And the said Schir Johne sall mak ane letter of tak to Walter Stewart, of the half of the saidis landis of Auchlochy for the termes of thre zeris, to be brukit be the said Walter after the redemyng of the sammyn, his entre begynnand the day of the outquyting, payand thairfor zeirly the sowme of iii poundis xiii schillingis and iiiij penceis ilk zeir, at twa vsuall termes, Witsunday and Mertynes, be evenly portions alanelry: And als the said Johne of Kinross sall mak and deliuer to the said Schir Johne, his obligacioun vnder his sele, to warrand dequiet and defend the saidis landis to the said Schir Johne and his airis, of all takkis that ony person or personis may ask or clame of the forsaidis landis of Auchlochy, exceppand the saidis thre zeris takkis to be keptit to the said Walter Stewart alanelry: And the said Schir Johne sall keipe nyne zeris takkis male fre to Jonet Strineling, of all and hale the hous croft and aere at the brigend of Dunblane foresaid fra Witsunday to cum, after the forme of the said Johnis letteris of tak maid to hir thairpon: And als the said Schir Johne spyeckamis and discharginis be thir presentis all obligations and bandis that he has of the said Johne Kinross befor the date heireof for nowe and cuir, the premisses forsaidis beand obseruit and keptit: And to this pairt of this Indentour remenant with the said Schir Johne Strineling, the said Johne Kinross has setto his sele, with his subscription manuale, the x day of Aprile, the zeir of God aboue writhin, befor thir witnes, Walter Forster of the Terwood knicht, Robert Callendar of the Maner, Wilzame of Strineling brocher to the said Schir



Jolne, Wilzame of Kinross, Archibald Dausoun, and Edward Spetale notar public, with vtheris diuers.

JOHN of KYNROSS, with my hand led at the pen be Edward Spetale, Notare Public. Ita est Edwardus Spetale.

TAX by Henry, Abbot of Lindoris, and the Convent thereto, to Sir John Strevelinge of the Keire, Knight, of the landis of Bence and Carkin, 10th September 1516.

98. BE it kend till all men be thair present letteris, ws Henry throw the permission of God Abbot of Lindoris, and the Convent of the saumyn, cheptoune goldarit, with ane voice, consent and assent of eur haill cheptoure, to hafe set and for maill lattin, and be the tennour of thir our present letteris scitis and for maill lattis, to ane rycht honorable man, Schir Johnne Strevelinge of the Keire knyght, all and haill our landis of Bence and Carkin with thair pertinens, to giffir with the teynd schavis of the samyn, lyand within the scheridoun of Perth, and our regalite of Lindoris; for all the dais and termes of nyntene yeris, next and immediat the entreice of the said Schir Johnne, quhilk salbe at the fest of Witsenday next and immediat the dait of this writ, and frathin firth to endure ay and quhill the said nyntene yeris be fullelie and to goldire completit and by rvm. To be haddin and had all and sindry the said landis of Bence and Carkin with thair pertinens, to giddire with the teynd schavis of the samyn, to the said Schir Johnne his aris and subtenandis, ane or may, of ws and our successouris in maitinge, as the said landis lyis in lyncht and in breid, be all and sindry ryelthis markis, mythis and dewisis, with ire yschay and entray, comoun pastoure, with all sindry wais, commodeis, asiamentis, liberteis and profeitti to the said landis and tooldis, pertinend or ryelthouslie may perten, ony maner of way, with full power to input and out put subtemanlis, ane or may, in the said landis and teyndis, als ofte as is sene expedient to the said Schir Johnne and his aris, enlurand the tyme of nyntene yeris as said is. Payand thairfor zerlie the said Schir Johnne his aris and subtenandis ane or may, to ws our successouris and facouris, the sum of twelfe pundis wuchs monese of Seckand, at twa wsuall termes in the zere, Witsenday and Martines in wynter, be evenlie portonis, to giddire with multoure to our myll of all corns growand on our said landis, with harrege, careage dewisouis and do service, als muckle and als sitis as say myn mark land of our landis of Fife will dois endurand the tyme fersid. And we in gif it soll happen the said Schir Johnne his aris and subtenandis to fall in the payment of our said maitour, harrege, careage and do service as said is, or in the payment of the Witsenday muill



zerlie at Midsounier, and of Mertin's maile at Sancandrois day & t the ferrest, in this caysis, or day of thame, this our present association to be of name swaill, bot explicit and admitt in the self, and we fre to dispone upon our said landis and tenementis without any impediment of the said Schir Johnne his airis and subtenementis quibotsunemur. And we the said Henry Abbot and Convent forsaill and our successouris, shall warend and aganis all deidle defend the saidis landis and tenementis and this our present association, in all pointis and artielis as said is, to the said Schir Johnne his airis and subtenementis forsaill, endurand the tyme of nyntene zeris all euerlie. In witnes heirofe to this our present association we have appensit our comyns & ill, at Londonis, the sixtene day of September the zer of God 1516 five hundredth and sixtene zeris, before thir witnes James Waulece, Robert Drummond and Schir Barnard Merschall, with wderis diaers.

CHARTER by King James V. to Isabella Gray, relict of the deceased Adam Crichtoun, of Bothvenis Knight, of the half lands of Inneralboun, 18th November 1516.

99. **JACOBUS.** Dei gracia Rex Scotorum. Quinibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laicis. Salutem. Sciatis nos, cum auisamento, consensu, consilio et autoritate carissimi consanguinei et tutoris nosiri, Johannis Ducis Albanie, etc. regni nostri protectoris et gubernatoris, dilecta concessisse hereditarie, et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse, dilecta nosre Isobelle Gray, relictie quondam Ade Crichtoun de Bothvenis militis, et heredibus suis, totam et integrum dimicilatatem terrarum de Inneralboun, cum dimicilate molendini earundem, viacum punctionibus earundem super aquas de Teth et Forth cum suis pertinentiis, iacentibus infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Striueling. Quicquidem dimicilaties prefatarum terrarum et molendini eiusa pertinentiis, fuerunt dicti quondam Ade et Isobelle prius hereditarie in comunitate infectione, tente per ipsos in copia de quondam Alxandro Domino Hume, quipidem Alexander tenuit huiusmodi immediate de nobis in capite, et nunc deueniunt in nominibus nostris, et nobis pertinent ad voluntatem nostram, cum auisamento et consilio dicti nostri carissimi consanguinei et tutoris, disponende, ratione forisfacture et c-clacie dicti quondam Alexandri Domini Hume, qui de nominis proditione tradicionis et nostre lese maiestatis criminibus comicitus erat, et pro eiusdem justificatus ad mortem. Et quia nobis, dictoque consanguineo et tutori nostro exissimo, ac nostri consili domini, constat et est notum, quod dicta Isobella est inimicis et omnis criminibus per dictum quondam Alexandri domini suum operis in eammissum cum, per ipsius comitatus erat et justificatus ut permisum est. Nos igitur, cum auisamento et consilio prefati carissimi consanguinei et tutoris nostri voluntatis et decertitatis, quod forisfactur



tum dicti sui superioris non erit dominus meus . . . preiudicium det. Isobelle penes in confirmationem quam de dictis dimidietatibus terrarum et molendini prius habuit, metuuo quorum, neenon pro certis aliis racionabilibus consideracionibus nos, cum atuimento dicti nostri carissimi consanguinei et tutoris, dehinc in iurismodi dicto Isobelle hereditarie de novo ut predictum est. Tenendas et habendas . . . de nobis et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Preuiso tamen quod dicta Isabella et heredes sui facient iude annuatim nobis et successoribus nostris iure et seruicia nobis debita et consueta de dictis dimidietatibus terrarum et molendini cum pertinentiis ante dictam facturam: In eius rei testimonium hunc presenti carte nostro magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus: Testibus, reverendissimo reverendissima in Christo patribus, Jacobo Archibishopo Glasgouensi Cancellerio nostro, David Episcopo Candidacese nostreque Coedle Regie Striuelingensis, Jacobo Episcopo Moraniensi: dilectis consanguineis nostris Alexandro Comite de Huntlie Domino Bailezenach, Colino Comite de Ergile Domino Campbell et Lorne, Hugone Comite de Eglington Domino Montgomery: venerabilibus in Christo patribus, Johanne Priore ecclesie metropolitane Sanctiandree, Georgeo Albate Monasterii nostri Sancte Crucis prope Edinburgh, nostri secreti sigilli custode, Patricio Abbe de Cambuskyneth Secretario nostro: dilectis clericis nostris, Magistris Grawyn, Dunbar Archidiacono Sanctiandree nostrorum Roudlorum Registri et Consili Clerico, et Jacobo Orgiyn Magistro Requestarum nostrarum, apud Edinburgh, decimo octavo die mensis Novembris, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo sexto, et regni nostri quarto.

CHARTER of CONFIRMATION by King James V. to John Striueling of Kere, Knight,  
of the half lands of Inveralloch, 27<sup>th</sup> March 1517.

100. **JACOBUS**, Dei gratia Rex Scotorum. Omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue, clericis et laicis, Salutem. Scitis nos, cum atuimento et consensu carissimi consanguinei et tutoris nostri, Joannis Dueis Albani etc., regni nostri protectoris et gubernatoris, quandam cartam alienationis, factam per Isobellum Grey, dominum de Dra[ugh]o], dilecto nostro, Johanni Striueling de Kere militi, et heredibus suis, de tota et integra dimidie tate terrarum de Inveralloch et molendino eundem, cum piseationibus eisdem pertinentibus et suis pertinentiis, jacentium infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Striueling, de nobis et successoribus nostris tenenda, de membris nostro vicini, locata, inspectam et diligenter examinatam etiam, inter nos, 1000 z. s. m. non ante ultatum, nec in aliquo sei parte suspectum ad plenam fiduciam subiecta, cum aliis quibuscumque vestimentis visuris vel audiendis, facta de Grey, et de quocdam Ade Crichton et Ruthynis



militis, Salutem in Domino sempiternam. Non eritis mei in mea viduitate, dedisse concessisse, vendidisse ac titulo venditionis alienasse, et hac presenti carta mea pro perpetuo confirmasse . . . nobili viro, Johanni Striueling de Kere militi, suis heredibus et assignatis, totam et integrum meam diuidicatem terrarum de Inneralloun, ac diuidicatem molensini eiusdem, vniuersum pascationibus earundem super aquis de Teith et Forth cum suis pertinentiis, jacentima infra vicecentitum de Striueling, pro quicunq; certa summa pecunie visualis monete Socie michi, per prefatum Johannem Striueling de Kere nullum pre manibus gratauerit et integre persolata, in pecunia numerata, et in vsum meum totaliter conserva . . . Tenendum et habendum . . . a me et heredibus meis de supremo domino nostro Rege et suis successoribus in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde animatum . . . seruicium debitum et consuetum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum huius presenti carte meae est appensum, vnam subscriptione mea manuali, apud Edinburgh, decimo tertio instanti Martii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo sexto, coram his testibus, Magistro Roberto Menorgund, Rectore de Essy, Domino Malcolmo Mortymare, Wilhelmo Striueling, et domino Waltero Sutherland capellano ac notario publico, cum diversis aliis. Quamquidam cartam ac alienationem in eadem contentam, in omnibus suis panetis et articulis, conditionibus et modis ac circumstantiis suis quibuscumque, in omnibus et per omnia, forma pariter et effecti, approbamus, ratificamus, ac eum auisamento et consensu dicti nostri carissimi consanguinei et tutoris, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, pro perpetuo ut premissum est, confirmamus: Salutis nobis et successoribus nostris iuribus et seruiciis de dictis terris cum pertinentiis ante presentem nostram confirmationem nobis debitis et consuetis: In cuius rei testimonium huius presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum appendi precepimus. Testibus, reverendissimo reverendissime in Christo patribus, Jacobo Archibispoco Glasgiensi, Cancellario nostro, Dauido Episcopo Candidaease nostreque Capelle Regie Striuelingensis, Jacobo Episcopo Moraviensi: dilectis consanguineis nostris Alexandro Comite de Huntlie, Domino Baird-mach, Colino Comite de Ergile, Domino Campbell et Lorne, Hugone Comite de Ezlington, Domino Montgomery: venerabilibus in Christo patribus, Jolanne Priore ecclesie metropolitane Sanctiandree, Georgeo Abbeo Monasterii nostri Sancte Crucis prope Edinburgh, nostri secreti sigilli Custode, Patricio Abbeo de Cambuskyneth, Secretario nostro, dilectis clericis nostris, Magistris Gavino Dunbar Archidiacono Sanctiandree, nostrorum regulorum registri et consili Clerico, et Jacobo Ogilay, Rectori de Kindell ac Commendatario monasterii de Dinsburgh: Apud Edinburgh, viii anno sexto die mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo septimo, et regni nostri quarto,



LETTER of ATTORNEY by King James V. in favour of Margery Birsbane, spouse of William Strueling of Glorat, 20th April 1517.

101. JACOBUS Dei gracia Rex Scotorum, omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes literæ peruenierint. Sabrem: Scitis quod suscepimus Iohannem Birsbane de Bischopeoun. Willelmum Flemyn de Bolghall. Walterum Strueling. Cathbertum Montgomery. vel eorum aliquos vel aliquam actornatos vel actornatum dilecte nostre Mariote Birsbane, spouse Willbmi Strueling de Glorat, in omnibus negotiis et loqueliis, placitis et querelis, mosis seu mouendis ipsorum Mariotam tangentibus seu tangere valentibus, quibuscumque diebus et locis, contra quescumque, et eorum quibuscumque: Quare vobis precipimus et mandamus quatenus dictos Iohannem, Willelmum, Walterum, Cathbertum, vel eorum aliquos vel aliquam, quos vel quem presentes vel presentem esse contigerit, tamquam actornatos vel actornatum dictae Mariote in premissis recipiatis: Presentibus post annum minime valitatis: In eaius rei testimonium hanc literas nostras sibi fieri facimus patentes, apud Edinburgh, viiiijmo die mensis Aprilis, anno regni nostri quarto.

Actornatus pro MARIOTA BIRSBANE, etc.

INDENTURE between John of Strueling of the Keer, Knight, and John of Kynross of Kippaneross, 15th March 1518.

102. THIR Indenturis maid at Edinburgh, the xv day of March, the zere of God I<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> and auchtenē zeris, contentis, proports and beris wimes in the salt: That it is appoynitit, concordit and finalie aggit betwix honorable persons, Johne of Strueling of the Keer Kuycht on the tame part, and Johne of Kynross of Kippaneross on the other part, in maner, forme, and effect as effir folowis, that is to say, That fersamekle as the said Johne of Kynross has ane suamondis raisit aganis the said Schir Johne of Strueling, befoir the Lordis of our Soneray Lordis consale, for the retrecting of ane act and decret gevin before thame, of the dait at Edinburgh, the xv day of Februar, the zeir of God I<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> and xv zeris, tuechin the warrandise of the landis of Lepnoch, lyand in the lordeschip of Strogartnay, within the shirefdom of Perth: and als the said Schir Johne has ane actione dependant aganis the said Johne of Kynross amontis the warrandise of certane takkis of the landis of Auchbally, lyand within the shirefdom of the said Johne with speciale warrantise, the quilkis takkis, and the said Schir John mycht haue brakit possibill, effir the forme of the saidis alienation and bandis of warrandise, as vithis has gevin in the zeris thanot, wadd



hame extendit be the space of the non warandise of the samyn, and recouerit be John of Drummond, the relict of vnaplyle Edmond of Cheseholm, befor the Stewart of Stratherne, be our said souerane Lordis letteris direct to him at his instance thareupon, to the sovme and avale of twa hundredth and fourscore of francs crovns, extending to ilk pese fourtene schillings compit be gude estimation: And for the vtilite and wole of baith the saidis partis and cesseris of pley th. said John of Kynross is contentit to renunce and discharge and be thir presentis renuncis and dischargis the saidis summondis raisit be him and action thareof, and that it sall never be liffall to him his ayris executouris, nor assignis, to intent nor persew the said actionis nor causis of retracion of the forsayd decret of warandise givyn be the Lordis as said is, nor na partie thareof, befor na juge nor jugs, spirituale nor temporale, in ony tyme tocom, and renuncis all remed of law civil and criminall, and ratifiis and approuis the said decret in all poyntis, and articulis contentit th. resultil, and sall never persew nor caus in the contrar thareof: And als the said John of Kynross, for him and his ayris in all tyme tocom ratifiis and approuis ane Instrument vndre the signe and subscriptione made of Schir John Smert noter public, of the dait, in Schir James Belchis chalmer in Dumblane, the xv day of December, the xre of God I<sup>o</sup> ffor hundred nynty and sevinzeris, oblisand and bifornd vnaplyle Alexander Kynross, fadir to the said John of Kynross, and als the said John of Kynross and thare ayris, in maurent seruice and vthir sindry restrictionis, to vnaplyle Willame of Struellin of the Kere knyght, fadir to the said Schir John and his ayris, as is content in the samyn: the quhilkis in all poyntis and articulis the said John of Kynross now of now, be thir presentis, ratifiis and approuis, notwithstanding that the said Schir John has be vtheris indentouris maid with the said John of Kynross, generallie dischargit him of all bandis and obligacionis befor the dait thareof: And als the said John of Kynross, oblis him his ayris executouris and assignais, to content and paye to the said Schir John his ayris executouris and assignais, the sovme of twa hundred francs crovns of gold, at thir termes vndre writtin, that is to say, at the fest of Witsunday next following the dait of thir presentis, the sovme of fyfti francs crovns, and at the fest of Sanct Mertyne in winter next tharefter, vthir fyfti francs crovns, and at Witsunday next thereafter fyfti francs crovns, and at the fest of Sanct Mertyne in winter next tharefter vthir fyfti francs crovns, in complet payment of the hale forminayr sovme of twa hundred francs crovns, or ellis for ilk crovne four tene schillingis vsuale monoy of the realme havond cours for the tyme: For the publickis recognicion, ratificationis, and payment of money at items resaid, the said Sir John sall dischurge, and be thir presentis dischargis the said John of Kynross and his ayris, of the sovmes of money and poynts



of all tymes bigane, that the said Schir Johne mycht clame agone him for the non-  
fulfilling of the said murent and poyntis of Instrument to that effect forsaide, extending  
to the soyme of five hundreth pundis: And als the said Schir Johne now presenty  
and of new, ratifis and approuis the relayt and descrevng of the soyme of one hundreth  
pundis remyttit to the said Johne of Kyuros, content in one vthir indentour meid  
beteix thane: And als the warrandis and skathis that the said Schir Johne has  
sustein throw the waunting of the saidis awallis and prefforis that he mycht haue had of  
the saidis landis of Auchlachy, and is leul brukit and juisit the samyn as is befor  
specifit: And als the said Schir Johne remyttis and descrevgs the said Johne Kynross  
and his ayris, all costis and expensis that he has maid and sustenit in the persone of the  
premissis be ony maner of waye in ony tyme bigane: And als sall nocht with na person  
nor personis tak the said Johne of Kyuros contrar part, about the housis and croft of  
Spetalis croft and Maryonis skir, bot sall supple, meutene and defend the samyn, als  
lang as thai ar in the saidis Schir Johne landis viredemyt, and elikawis therafter, gif  
thai sall happen to be output be the said Johne of Kyuros, sall help and assist to him  
thareintill in safer as he may of low: And atour sall tak the said Johne of Kynross  
a faul part, bith be his sollicitacion and travell, to recover his just querellis and actionis  
that he has to move aganis Wilzume of Murry of Tullibardin knyght: And als the  
said Schir Johne is content, be the sicht and medfication of freindis, and after the  
said Johne of Kynross gud bering to him, to do him plesour and favour anantis the  
profecis of the takkis contentit in the reuersioun maid be the said Johne of Striueling  
of the Kere knyght to the said Johne of Kyuros to be haile after the quaunting of the  
saidis landis of Auchlachy: And howbeit that the said reuersioun contentis the soyme  
of sex hundreth ten merkis, the tane half of the saidis landis of Auchlachy as zit is in  
the handis of Walter Stewart vared mett agone the soyme off are hundreth and ten  
merkis: tharefor the said Schir Johne is contentit to resigne fra the said Johne of  
Kynross the soyme of five hundreth merkis and letter of assodacion of the saidis landis of  
Auchlachy after the outquaunting of the samyne, and for the payment of the male  
nemmyt in the said reuersioun, ony tyme betwix the dait hereof and the fest of Witson-  
day next tocum, beand lanchfulli warnit thereto: and in continent therafter sall  
deliuer to the said Johne of Kynross all charteris and saisingis that he hes of the  
forsaidis landis of Auchlachy with thair pertinents, togidder with the saidis Walter  
Stewartis reuersioun for the redempcion of the half of the saidis landis, with ane  
letter of assignacion made to the said Schir Johne thereto, quilkis reuersioun con-  
tentis the soyme of one hundreth and ten merkis befor specifit: And to the descrevng  
and keeping of the premissis and every peyt of the samyn, bith the saidis partis for



thame thair airis exectouris and assignais, is band and ollist be the fathis and trewhis in thare boddis, the haly Ewwangdis tuehit, but fraud or gile: And staor is contentit that thir appoyntmentis and indentouris be put in forme of act in the buke of actis before the Lordis of oare Souerene Lordis Counseil, and thare decree interponit thareto, and letteris of exectorialis gif neid heis to be geven thareupone to compell as efferis, and als the samyne be actit in the officialis bukis of Loukyone and Dunblane for sure keping of the premissis vnder panis of cursing: And to the part of thir Indentouris to remane with ather of the saidis partis, ather of thame has affixit thare propir selfis, with the subscriptioun of thare bandis, interchangeable, day, zere and place for-said, befor thir witness. Meister Robert Elphinstone Person of Kynowd in Nol, Schir William Elphinstone Person of Clat, Meister Abraham Crechetonne Person of our Lady Kirk of the Stele, Robert Callendar of the Maner, Vnfray Rolle of Dulerub, William Striueling and Edward Spetale Notar public with vther diuers.

JOHN KINROSS of Kippeneross.

with my hand on the pen of Schir Johnne Morisoun Notare Public.

Ita est Johannes Morisoun Notarius publicus many proprio.

PRECEPTE OF SASINE by John Earl of Lauenax and Lord Derrinie, for infesting John Striueling, as heir of George Striueling of Cragbernard, his father, in the lands of Estir Ballevin, 18th April 1520.

103. JOHANNES Comes de Lauenax et Dominus Derrinie, dilectis nostris, Willelmo Lyndesay de Bullall, Alexandro Campbelle, et Willelmo Bawburghano, ac eorum alteri, coniunctim et diuisim, balliis nostris in hae parte specialiter constitutis, Salutem: Quia notum est et bene cognitum quod quondam Georgius Striueling de Cragbernard, pater Johannis Striueling, latoris presentiam, obiit viriliter vestitus et satus, ut de feodo, ad pacem et fidelem supremi domini nostri Regis, de omnibus et singulis terris de Estir Ballevin, cum pertinentiis, jacentibus in comitatu de Lauenax, infra vicecomitatum de Dunbertane; et quod dictus Johannes Striueling est verus legitimus et propinquus heres eiusdem quondam Georgii Striueling, patris sui, de predictis terris cum pertinentiis: et quod est legitime etatis: et quod dicta terra cum pertinentiis de nobis tenetur in capite, tanquam de domino superiore earundem, pro servitio debito et consueto: Vobis igitur et vestrum cuiuslibet, coniunctim et diuisim, firmiter precirimus et mandamus quatenus eisis presentibes, nullitate scatim, possessionem eispendere, et satus in hereditatem communem et singularem predictarum terrarum de Estir Ballevin, cum earundem pertinentiis, prefato Johanni Striueling, vel suo certo auctoritate latoris presentium, per



deliberationem terre et lapidis, ut meritis est, juste haberi faciatis et deliberatis: secundum tenorem antiqui instrumenti dicti quoniam G. 22. i. quoniam idem Johannes Striueling inde habet: et hoc nullo modo omittatis: Ad quoniam faciendum vobis et vestrum cuiilibet coniunctum et diuissim, nostram plenariam tenore presentium irreuecabilem committimus potestatom: In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum, vna cum nostra subscriptione manuali apud Glasgw. xviii. die mensis Aprilis. anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo, coram his testibus, Alano Stuard de Cardonald, Johanne Logane de Gartemall, et domino Jacobo Knox capellano, eum diversis aliis testibus

James Earl of Lennox.

NOTARIAL INSTRUMENT, attesting that James, Bishop of Dunblane, had erected nine Chaplainries in the Choir of his Cathedral Church into perpetual Chaplainries.

14th May 1522.

104. *In Dei nomine. Amen.* Per hoc presens publicum Instrumentum euntes pateat euidenter, quod anno Incarnationis Domini M<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> vicesimo secundo, mensis vero Maii die decimoquarto, Indictione decima, Romana sede pastore carente, ut fertur infra regnum Scotie: In nostrum notarium publicorum et testium subscriptorum presentia, personaliter constitutus reverendus in Christo pater et dominus, dominus Jacobus, Dei et apostolice sedis gratia, Episcopus Dunblanensis Decanus et Capitulum Dunblanenses, in capitulo eiusdem ibidem pro tempore capitulo congregati: Idem reverendus pater, cum consensu et assensu dicti sui capitulo, post et consensum decani, erexit illas nouem capellanias choiri dictae ecclesie cathedralis Dunblanensis in capellanias perpetuas, secundum tenorem erectionis ibidem publice per ipsum decimum perficie: Et statim idem decanus et capitulum, dominum Thomam Watsone capellatum yoncum dicto reverendo patri, pro collatione seu institutione sibi donata capellaria prima de Keir infra dictum chorum sic vacante, presentarunt: Quibus factis, prefatus reverendus pater, collationem ordinariam yoncum instituens, pretato domino Thomae, secundum tenorem dictae erectionis, de prefata capellaria contulit et donavit, omnino regimen et administrationem eiusdem sibi committens: Super quibus omnibus et singulari, idem reverendus pater et prefatus dominus Thomas, a nobis notariis publicis subscriptis, sibi fieri petierunt instrumentum seu instrumenta. Acterant hoc in illico capitulo hora undevicina ante meridiem vel recipere, sub anno, mense, die et indictione quibus supra: Presentibus dictis utriusque bellorum viris, magistris et omnibus, Willibaldo Chisholme, Vicario de Mertill, Georgio Wawane, Vicario de Dunsyre, Duncane Rose, Willibaldo Anderson et Roberto Akinhead capellani, testibus et remissa vocatis pariterque rogatis.



Et ego Andreas Sym. presbyter Sanctiandree diocesis, sacra auctoritate apostolica  
notarius publicus, etc.

ANDREAS SYM. Pbr.

Et ego Robertus Lernenth, clericus Sanctiandree diocesis, publicus apostolica  
imperiali auctoritatibus notarius, etc.

ROBERTUS LERNENTH.

Et ego Jacobus Blakwood, presbyter Dunblanensis diocesis, publicus sacra auctoritate  
apostolica notarius, etc.

JACOBUS BLAKWOOD.

GRANT by James [Bethune]. Archbishop of Glasgow, to John Striueling of the Keir,  
of the ward of the lands of Cadder, 15th September 1522.

105. Be it kend till all men be thair present letteris, ws. James be the merey of God  
Archbishop of Glasgow, Chancelor of Scotland, etc. to haf sauld, assignit and  
disponit, and be thair present letteris, scillis, assignis and disponis, to ane hon'able man,  
John Striueling of the Keir Knycht, his airis and as signis ane or ma, the ward of all  
and sindry the landis of Cadder, with the tour, fortalice, tower place, myl', maturis,  
meadowis, steallis, wodlis, and outsoor's with their pertinenee, lound within our regality  
of Glasgow, and shiredom of Lanark: quilk pertenit to vnguhill Andre Striueling  
of Cadder, heretablie haddin be him of ws, as Archbishop of Glasgow, in cheif, and  
now throw his decess being, and that sall happen to be, in our heidis as superior thair-  
of, be resoun of ward, with all hisis, fornis, profitis, and devetois of all the saidis  
ward landis and mylne, with thair pertinenee, of all termes bygane and to come, during  
all the tyme of the ward theirof. Togidder with the mariage of Janet Striueling,  
dochter and air of the said vnguhill Andre, with all profitis of his mariage, and with  
powar to the said John, his airis and assigis, to dispoun thairappoun at thair pleyson,  
and upon the ward of the saidis landis and mylne, with thair pertinenee, and to occupy  
the samyn in all or in part, with thair swine galis, or to set thame to tenementis, as  
thair sall think maist expedient, with court and playnt of the saidis landis, heretablis,  
bludewitis, marchetis of women, vnlawis, amerciamenis and eschelis theirof and all  
vtheris freedomis, priuilegis, profitis, and devetois, perteyning, or richtiuslic, or perteyn  
thairof during the said ward, to lie, quicke, well and in peace, but ony impalin, re-  
restacion, or a gane calling quhatsumdat. For the quilkis ward and mariage we ha  
resauit for the said John, to the summe of the threesand fyf hundreth merkis in talis  
wyss, that is to say, ane thousand merkis in ready vsale money of Scotland in ban-



and be inf-fruit of the landis of Strowe and Balderus, with thair pertinence, in wacset, quhill fyftene hundred merkis be completilie payit, and therfor we, our successoris airis, and excoutoris, soll warrand, acquiet, and devid to the said Johnne, his airis and assignais, the ward of all and sinbrie the saidis landis of Cadder, with the toun, fortalies, maner place, mylne, multuris, weddis, medowis, steidis and out settis of the samyn, with thair pertinence, and all landis and profitis therof during the tyng of thair said ward, togidder with the mariage of the said Jonet, as airis and with all profitis of hir mariage, as said is, to be brunit and juisit be the said Johnne his airis and assignais, in all and by all things, as is abov exponit, aganis all doltis, but traude or gyle. In witness of the quhilke thing, to thir oare letteris, salescuit with our hand, our sole is appensit, and to hungin, at Edinbergh, the fyftene da of September, the zero of God, an thousand fyf hundred threty and tua yoris, and of our consecratiooun the — zero, befor thir witness, honoreble and discrete personis, Walter Forester of the Torwol, Knycht, James Colule of Vchiltre, Maister Abram Crichtoun, sonoun of Wpsatlingtoun, Sean Andro Merschale, Chanone of Glasgow, Maister Robert Grahame, Chapiane, and Maister Johnne Bellantyne, noter publick, with otheris clares.

JACOBUS GLASGUEN Archiep<sup>z</sup>

WE Adam Colquhoun, Chanone, president for the tyng, and Chepauk underwrittin of Glasgow, effir the sound of the bell clepþorly galurit in our cleptour hows, vpon Setterday the last of Februar, the foresaid zeir of God, that is to say, Walter Bethan, Dauid Dowless, Johnne of Colquhoun, James Steward, and William Crichtoun, Chanonis, ratifys and apprevis clepþorly, all and sinbrie the premissis in all thingis and be all thingis abone writtin, and giffis our consent heito, and thairto has with ilk ane of our handis subscrutit the samyn, and has laingit to our common sole day, zeir, and place abone next writtin.

ADAM COLQUHOUN, Rector de Stobo.

JOHANNES COLQUHOUN de Glasgow 27

M. WALTERUS BETHANE, Rector de Gowen.

JACOBUS STEWARD, Rector de Torisbton.

DAVID DOWLES, Rector de Aer.

V. Crichtoun, R. de Somelair.

GIFT by James [Bethune] Archibishop of Glasgow to John Strindling of the Kair,  
Knight, of the ward of the lands of Cadder, 14th October 1522.

166 Be it kno<sup>t</sup> all men be thir present letteris, vs, James, be the mercie of God  
Archibisop<sup>e</sup> of Glasgow Chanone of Scotland, &c. to have said assignit and



disponit, and be thir present letteris sellis, assiguis, and disponis to ane honorable man and our weilbeluift Johanne Striueling of the Keir, knycht, his airis and assignalis, ane or ma, the ward of all and sindry the landis of the lardschip of Caddor, with the tour, fortalice, maner place, neyne, medowis, steidis, ousettis thairof and thair pertinentis, lland within our barony of Glasgow, regalitie of ye samin, and shirefdom of Lanerk, quhilk perteint to vnguhill Andro Striueling of Caddor heretabli, haldin be him of ws as Archibishop of Glasgow in cheif, and now throw his decess, being an t that sall happen to be in our landis as superior thairof, be ressane of ward, with all malis, fermis and profites of all the said ward landis and myne with thair pertinentis, of all termis bygane and to cum, during all the tyme of the ward thairof, and ay and quhill the lauchfull entre of the richtuis air or airis thairto, being of lauchfull aige, with the releif of the samin and nonentres, gif ony is or soll happen to be: With powar to the said Johanne, his airis and assignalis, to dispone thairon at thair playssour, and to occupy the samin in all or in part, with thair awne guidis, or to set thame to tenementis, as thair sall think expedient, with courtis and playnt of all the saidis landis, herezeidis, vnlawis, amerciamenis and eschetis thairof, and all vtheris fredomis, priuelegiis, profittis, and deweteis, pertenyng or rychtislie ma pertene tharto during the said space, frely, quietly, wele and in pere, but ony impediment revocation or aganecalling quhat- samever. In witness of the quhilke thing, to thir oure letteris, subscrivit with our hand, our sele is affixit, at Edinburgh, the fourtene day of October, the zero of God ane thowsand fyff hundred and twenti two yaris, befor thir witnes, Maister Archbald Lagng, Procurer of Symble, Schir Andro Merschele, channon of Glasgow, Walter Forester of Torwod, Knycht, Maister Alkaline Crichtoun, parson of Wpsatlingtonoune, and Schir Willame Stroeght Chaplane, with vtheris diuers.

*Ja[n]e 1524 by Archbald Lagng*

RATIFICATION by Gavin [Dunbar] Archibishop of Glasgow to John Striueling of the Keir, Knight, of the ward of the lands of Caddoure, 16th February 1524.

107. WE Gavyn be the myere of God Archibishop of Glasgow considerand perfille that the maist reverend fader in God, James Archibishop of Sone Androis, than of Glasgw, saidis and analyt to Johanne Striueling of Keir, Knycht, the ward of all an t



sindry the landis of Cudbourne, with tenent and tenantry thairof, lyand within our regalite of Glasgw, than falland and mycht thairettir happen to fall, quhill the entre of the rychtwis air thairto. And now we ar advertist that Marjory Cuminghame, lady of coniunctee of ane pairt of thai landis, is decest, quharethrow we mycht be of aventure inducit to mak argумент or truble, arane the said Johnne aent the bruking of the profit of the saēl coniunctee landis: We, declarand our mynd thairin, will and grauntis that he bruke and jois the ward of that coniunctee landis pecabilis, without ony impediment to be maid be ws, or ony vtheris in our name, according to his said gift, and gif neid beis of new, we, for ws and our successouris, gevis the ward of the said coniunctee landis to the said Johnne, his airis and assigualis, during the ward thairof, with all profit of the samin, and ay and quhill the entre of the rychtwis air thairto. In witness herof we haue subseruitt this writ with our hand at Edinburgh, the xvi day of Februar, the zeir of God j<sup>o</sup> v<sup>o</sup> and twenty feure zeiris, &c.

PRECEPT of SASINE by William Balfour of Buchopill for infesting Walter Graham and Marjory Campbell in the lands of Drongy, 17th June 1523.

108. WILLELMVS BALFOUR de Buchopill, dilectis meis David Menteth, Johanni Makelachlan, Beyo Meech Isoun, Macolmo Menteth, et ac eorum cūilliet, coniunctim et diuisim, balliuis meis in hae parte speciditer constitutis. Salutem. Quia concessi, vendidi et hereditarie alienau honorabili viro, Waltero Grahame, filio quondam nobilis domini, Malizi Comitis de Menteth, et Marjorie Campbell spouse sue, ac eorum alteri diueins viuenti in coniuncta infestacione, totas et integras meas quinque mercatas terrarum de Drongy, nuneupatas Gartinsalze et Blarebolch, vna cum viginti quinque solidatis terrarum mearum de Bra de Bushpophill, cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinenciis, jacentes in seneseallatu de Menteth infra vicem comitatum de Perth, prout in carta mea, dictis Waltero et Marjorie de surer confecta, plenius coniunctur. Vobis igitur, et vestrum cūilliet, coniunctia et diuisim, precio et modo quatenus, visis presentibus, indilate statum possessionem corporalem et saismam hereditarianam totarum et integrarum predictarum . . . . . terrarum . . . . . dictis Waltero Grahame



et Mariorie sponse sue, vel suis certis aetornatis latoribus presencium, secundum terminum diete certe, juste haberi facitis et deliberetis, et hoc nullo modo omittatis. Ad quod faciendum vobis, coniunction et dissimilacion plenaria tenore presencium irrevocabilem committit potestatem. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presencibus est appensum, via mea subscriptione mea manu, apud Striueling, becho sextimo die mensis Julii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vice-simo tercio, curam his testibus, Alexandro Forstar, Preposito de Striueling, Alexandro Lexington, et Johanne Atkin, cum diversis aliis.

WILZAM BALFOUR with my hand on the pen.

GIFT by Colin Campbell of Auchinhowe to William Striueling of Glorat, of the ward  
of the lands of Branzait, 10th October 1523.

109. BE it kend till all men be thyr present letteris. Me Colen Campbell of Auchinhowe, superior to the landis of the Branzait, grantis me till hef said and assentit to the honorable man, Wilzam Striueling of Glorat, the ward of the saidis landis of Branzait, wicht the pertinence, land in the erldome of Lenenax, within the shire-erldome of Dunbartane, now beand in my handis as our lord of the samyn, be the drouss of wmpibile Andro Striueling of Calder, my tennent of the saidis landis, for all the space, termis and tyme of the ward, and quibile the dochter be of lauchfull age, that is herator thairof, of the said wmpibile Andro is thairto; and that fur certaine sownis of money paid and to be paid to the said Wilzam to me thairfor, as the act maid in the official builk thaireponoun property: To be hadin and to be had the ward of the saidis landis of Branzait wicht the pertinence, to the said Wilzam Striueling, his airis executoris and assignais, for all the space and termis of the said ward, and quibile the said d'elair of Andro Striueling be of lauchfull age: The entir of the said Wilzam in and to the saidis ward landis of Branzait begin at the fest of Witsunday next befor the dai of the daft hereof, and till indur for all the space and tyme of the ward of the samyn: Turnell and transferand my hale right, property and possessionis of the saidis ward landis of Branzait fra me and myn airis, in and to the said Wilzam, his airis executoris and assignais, indur all the tyme of the said ward, and quibile ye lauchfull age of that dochter tharto, as said is: With power to the said Wilzam, his airis executoris and assignais, indur the tyme of the said ward, to set the saidis landis of Branzait for male or female, to input tenentis, and output tenentis, or leys, at the samyn, and dispone thairpon, at their will and emplesour, with full power of court habbin herozolis, and gresumnis vptaking, vntawis, and escheris of the saidis courtis to thairto com to his



behuyf and profet, induring all the tyme of the said ward: Swi that he or thair ma frelic dispone and do with the saidis ward landis, as thair ma do with thair awin propyr here-  
tage, induring all the tyme of the ward of the samyne: For the faithfull obseruyng  
of the premisis, I the said Colyne Lyndis and oblis me, be the fricht and treucht in  
my body, myne airis, executouris and assignais to the said Wilzem Striuling, his airis  
executoeris or assignais, in ye sikkereste forme and stile of obligation that is vsit, or  
that can be maid, na remed of law or canone nor chylb in the contrar to be proponit  
nor allegit, but fraud or gile. In witness of the quhilke thing, to thir present letteris  
subseruict with my hand, my sele is affixit at Glasgw, the tent dai of October, the zeir  
of God I<sup>o</sup> VI<sup>o</sup> and twentie thre yairis, befor thair witnes Seair Jheron Ball, notar,  
Robert Striuling brudir germein to the said Wilzem, and Wilzem Campbell.

COLLYN CAMPBELL of Achynhowe.<sup>1</sup>

BOND of MANRENT by Laurence Craufurd of Kilbarny, and Hew Craufurd his son, to  
John Striueling of Keir, Knight, and James his son, 26th October 1524.

110. BE it kend till all man be thir present letteris, Ws Laurence Craufurd of Kilbarny, and  
Hew Craufurd his sone and apperand air, with consent and assent of my fader, now  
having the gyding of me in my notaige, to be barding and oblist to stand trew and  
affald freind to ane honorabill man, John Striueling of Keir knyght, and to James  
Striueling his sone and apperand air, and to do for thame in all thair gude and  
lesum actionis and querrellis, and the rete of the kyndes and alia standing betuix ws,  
and this our kyndes to enduir for athir of our lyfthins to the said John and James  
his sone: Heirfor we bind and oblis ws, be the faulthys and trewhys of gentill men, to  
gif thame our best counsal, and keip secrete all materis thair or athir of thame revelis  
to ws vndir traist, and to do for thame in thair gude and lesum actionis: In witnes of  
the quhilkis we haue subseruict this witt with our handis, at Edinburgh, the xxvi day of  
Octobar, the zeir of God I<sup>o</sup> VI<sup>o</sup> and xxiii<sup>o</sup> yaris, befor thair witnes, Cristofir Craufurd,  
Thomas Leyrmond, Robert Craufurd, and Seair Alexander Wilseie, with vtheris  
diuers.

LAURENCE CRAUFURD.

HEW CRAUFURD with my hand.

<sup>1</sup> Willem Striueling of the Glorrai assigned this gift of Ward to John Striueling of the Keir  
Knyght, Margaret Fraester his spouse, thair airis executeours and issignaoris, mense maner on the 1<sup>o</sup> of  
August 1525. [Keir Writs.]



CHARTER by John Earl of Livingx to John Striuling of Keir, Knight, of the superiority of the lands of Bardowy, &c., last February 1524.

111. OMNIBUS hanc eartam visaris vel audituris. Johannes Comes de Levinax. Dominis Dernely, Salutem in Domino semipaternam. Noueritis nos, ex certa scientia, utilitate nostra vndeque preuisa et considerata venduisse, alienasse, et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse . . . . honorabili viro, Johanni Striuling de Keir militi, hereditario. Totam et integrum superioritatem nostram omnium et singularum terrarum subscriptarum, videlicet, terrarum de Bardwy, Barneilen, Barscaith, Estir Bankeir, Estir Fluchert, Birdstoun; nonen terrarum de Balkinloch, Hawenstoun, Bauchquharn, le Boghous Bankeil, le Kirkton de Bothernok, cum jurepatronatu adiutorio et donatione rectorie eiusdem, Kincaid et Buchquharago; Johanni Hammytoun de Bardwy, in proprietate pro vna parte, et in tenendria pro alia parte spectantum et pertinentium, de nobis tanquam Comite de Levinax, per ipsum Johannem in capite tentium, accessum superioritatem omnium et singularium aliarum terrarum et anniarum reddituum, quas et quos ipse Johannes de nobis, ut premittitur, in capite tenet . . . . jacentium in dominio nostro de Levinax, et infra viceinitatum de Dumbartane . . . . Tenendam et habendam . . . . prefato Johanni Striuling de Keir militi hereditibus suis et assignatis, a nobis et hereditibus nostris, de supremo domino nostro Rege et suis successoribus, in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . . servicia debita et consueta dictae superioritatis tantum . . . . In cuius rei testimonio signum meum prout possum in hac presenti carte nostre est appensum, vuaecum subscriptio nostra manuali, apud Edinburgh, die ultimo mensis Februarii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo quarto, coram hiis testibus, Waltero Forestar de Torwod militi, Wilhelmo Striuling de Glorat, Magistro Thoma Bannatyn, Willelmo Lemysdene, Collino Brown, et Jacobo Meldrum notario publico, cum diuersis aliis.

JOHN ERL OF LEVENAX.

GRANT by King James V. to John Earl of Lennox, to be Captain, Constable and Keeper of the Castle of Dumbartoun, 21st August 1525.

REX.

112. WE, with advice of our dearest master the Queen, by thir our letters, makis constitutis and ordinatis, our trust, counsing and compassiar, John Earle of Lennox, Lord Darley, &c., Captain, Constable, and Keeper of our Castle of Dumbartoun; and commits-



to him the rewili, giding, and keeping of the sainen, for the space of fyve years next to cum after the date of the day hereof, with power to him to make constables, caputs, garratours, javellers, watchmen, portours, and all other officers heldyn under him for keeping of our said Castle, for the whilk he shall be holdyn to answer: For the keeping of the whilk Castle we give, grantis, and assigis be thir presentis to our said cousin, John Earle of Lennox, all kyndis, armis, pretis and dewties eight and wont therfor, and pertayning, or any wayis mervayl pertain thereto: and sicklike as ony uthers. Captains of our said Castle, had for keeping therof in times by gone: Charging heirfor the Captain, Constable, Keepers, and with holdyn of our said Castle, and al other persons being therein, to deliver the sainen with all stoffe being therein, pertaining to us, to our said cousin, John Earle of Lennox, or his factor, as yow, and ilkane of yow, will answer to us therupon at your utter charge: Subscrivit with our hand, and under our signet, togidder with subscription of our said dearest moder, at Edinburgh, the xxi day of August, and of our reigne the eleventh year.

JAMES R. MARGARET R.

GIFT by King James V. to John Strindling of the Keir, Knayght, of the sum of £500,  
due to the King by John Hendytoun of Borthay and others. 1523

113. JAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis. To all and sundry our officeris, liegis and subditis, quhame it efferis, quhais knewlege thir our leteris saleum. Greting. Wit ze ws, with adis of the lordis of oure secrete counseil, chosen thairto be the tare estatys of oure realme in parliament, to leuengin and grauntit, and be thir our leteris, gevis and grauntis to oure louit familiar, Johnne Strindling of the Keir, knyght, his airis or assignalis, ane or mo, for his god and thirkfull service done to ws, the summe of sex hundreth pundis vsuall mony, of oure realme, quilk wes alludit and decernit be vnyphile reverend faderis in God, Williame Bishop of Abbatene, Andro Bishop of Catines, Davil Bishop of Ergile, George Postulat of the Iles, Mathew Earle of Lennox, and Mastir James Hendytoun, Juri's arbitratoris and amicabill compositouris, chosen to consider and modify quiket summes of money Johnne Hommyloun of Bardow, and the vtheris personis vnbewritten leit debairnit and expendit vpon vnyphile Thomas Galbraith of Balkeynirrecht, for alienation in need be him to tyme of the landis following: to haue bein pair to vnyphile oure dearest fadir of wel mynd, quham God iss d. for his confirmation, to haue bein graunt apone the alienationis maid to thame be the said vnyphile Thomas, of the landis vnyllwytan, and for his interes had thairintill, throu alienationis of the saidis landis, without his confirmation.



or consent; that is to say, to the said Johne Hannyltoun, fyve pund land of Buch-  
quarne, to Johne Logane of Balvey, fyve pund land of Balkindrocht; to  
Knox, fyve pund land of Hawinstoun; to Johne Steward, brother of the said ymquhile  
Mathew Erle of Leynax, fyve pund land of Kirkpenny land; to Johne Stewart of  
Blakhall, fyve pundis worth of the samyn Kirkpenny land; to Petir Colquhoun, fifty  
schilling worth of land of the Kirkton; and to Alane Stewart, fifty schilling worth of  
land of Bankell: The quhilk sovme of sex hundredh pundis now pertenis to ws, as  
air and successour to our said derrest fadir, to be paist be the personis abone writhin, ilk  
ane of thame, effir the rait of the landis forsaids analyt to thame be the said ymquhile  
Thomas; that is to say, for ilk fyve pund land ane hundredh pundis, as at mair leith  
in the decrete arbitrale givin be the saidis arbitratouris mair fulley propertis. With  
power to the said Johne Striueling, his airis or assignais, ane or maa, to intromet and  
tak vp the said haill sovme of sex hundredh pundis, and gif neid be to convene and  
compell the saidis personis, thair airis, and exectouris, be the law, to pay the samyn,  
and to dispone thairone at his and thair plesour; and gif sa beis that ony of the saidis  
personis refusis to mak payment of that part of the said haill sovme, effir the rait of the  
landis forsaids analyt to thame, according to the said decrete; in that case, we gif  
and assignis be thir presentis, to the said Johne Striueling, his airis and assignais, ane  
or maa forsaids, the saidis landis, or samickle tharof, as the saidis personis to quhom  
thai war analyt, thair airis and assignais, possessouris of the samyn, refus to mak  
payment tharfor, of thair partis of the said sovme, and all rycht interes, titill and clame  
of rycht that our said derrest fadir or we had, has or onywis may have tharto, throu  
the said alienationis, or ony vther wayis, and salle mak him, his airis or assignais, to be  
heretale infest tharin be chartir and sesing alssone as the samyn beis liquyd, anl  
knewin quhat personis refusis to pay thare parte of the said haill sovme; and als with  
power to the said Johne, his airis and assignais, gif thair ples, to compone with the  
personis abone writhin or thair airis, anent the sovmez abone writhin; and oure confirma-  
tion to be givin to thame vpon the saidis alienationis according to the said decrete,  
fre, without ony vther composition. Attair, we discharge oure thesaurar, and all  
vther oure officiaris present and to cum, of all intrometting, asking and vptaking of  
the said haill sovme of sex hundredh pundis, or ony parte tharof, and of thare offices  
in that part be thir our letteris, charging straitlie, and commandis zu all and sindry  
our officiaris, liegis and sublettis forsaid that nae of zow tak vpon hand to do or  
attempt ony thing in meane the oure gift and assignation in ony wile in thair coming,  
vnder al hies paine and charge that esir may follow. Givin vnder our Signes,  
and subseruitt with our hand, and with the maist part of the handis of the saidis lordis.



of our Secrete Counsele, at Edinburgh the day of and in  
our Regnme the xijij zere.

James Hamilton



Ja Raby 26 Januarij  
22 of the year  
Ja Strueling

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26 of the year  
Ja Strueling

LICENCE by King James V. to John Strueling of Keir, Knight, to sell the superiority of the lands of Bardowe to James Hamilton of Fynnart, Knight, 28th January 1526.

114. JAMES by the grace of God King of Scottis. To all and syndry my lieges and subditis quham it offeris, quhais knowlege thair oure letteris sall cum. Greting. Wit z wts to haue gevin and grantit and be thir oure letteris, givis and grantis to oure leuit, John Strueling of Keir, knycht, oure full consent, licence, and free assise, to makis, sell or wedsett to James Hamilton of Fynnart, knycht, heretablie, the superiорite of the landis of Bardowe, and certane utheris landis perteneng to Johne Hamilton of Bardowe in properte and tenandry, with thair pertimentis, to be heldin of ws, quhalkis wer heldin by the said Johne Hamilton or the said John Strueling, and heldin by his familiars of ws. Quhilk of maner, scaling or wertisitg, we will and ordanis for ws and our successors, salbe in ourt, Lymis 2, per h. saith, nor easis of recognisoun nor biefaltour to the said John Strueling, his heirs nor assignalis, nor



to the said James Hammiltoun his airis nor assignais, or ony air of thame, for the alienatioun, selling, or wedsetting of the said superiorite of the landis aboue wrtit, with thair pertinentis, in all or in part, as it pleissis to the said Johne Striueling, but that the samyn be of als greit strengh, force and effect as it wer conuerdit vnder oure greit seill in the mair forme, without ony renovation or ganealling qualsamener. Gevin vnder oure prisone seale, and subseruinit wicht oure hand, at Edinburgh, the twenty ancht day of Januarie, the zeir of God, ane thowsand fyve hundreth twenty six zeiris, and of oure Regne the xiiii zeir.

JAMES R.

Litera Johannis Striueling de Keir, militis, etc.

OBLIGATION by James Hammiltoun of Fynnart, Knight, to John of Striueling of the Keir, Knight, anent the lands of Perlowy, 8th February 1526.

115. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris, me James Hammiltoun of Fynnart, knycht, to be bundin and oblist, and be the faith and treuth in my body, leuely and treuly bindis and oblis me, myne airis and assignais, to ane ryght honorable man, Johne of Striueling of the Kere knycht, his syris and assignais, that forsemakile as the said Schir Johne has bundin and oblist him to infit me heretabili, be plane chartir and alienatione, in all and heile the landis of Perlowy, with the ile, towre, and loch of the samyn, the landis of Barnellen, Floucherl, Blareskevill, Baukere, Birdstoun, with the mylnis, ounsatlis, tenementis, tenementis and servise of the tennentis of the samyn, except the tennandry of the landis of Balkyndrocht, with all the pertinentis of the samyne, that ar held of the Lard of Perlowy, lyand in the Erledome of Leuenax, within the Schirefdomme of Dunberiane, to be heldin of oure souerane Lord for service aucht and wont: quhilke landis pertenis to me in superiorite, holdin immediatlie of oure souerane lord, and to Johne Hamylton of Perlowy and to his tennentis in propirte, the quhilke landis he has bundin and oblist him, be the tenor of the said charter, to warand to me as efferis: Neuertheles becaus the said Johne of Striueling of the Kere knycht, optenit the saidis landis be alienation of waequale Johne Erle of Leuenax, than immediat tennend to the kingis grace of the samyne, I bind and oblis me myne airis and assignais, that gif it sall happen the saidis landis or ony parte therof be recoverit fra ws in defalt of the Erle of Leuenax ryght, or gif it beis fundin in ony tymis commyna that the said Erle haif forfayt to the samyn the ryght he arficit the saidis landis to the said Johne of Striueling, in that cas I renunce and dischargis the effect of the said elect of warandis contentin in the said charter, and bindis and oblis me neyur to persew the



said Johne nor his airis for warandis of the saidis landis: And atoure I oblis me and myne airis to defend assist and supple the said Johne of Striueling and his airis in the peciable brukyn of the superiorite of the saidis landis of Ballindrocht, the lard of Perdowy and his wassalis brukyn the properte of the samyn according to thare infestmentis: And elikwis I sall nocht molest nor inquiet Willame Striueling of the Gloret nor his assignalis in the peciable brukyn and disposition of the rycht of the marceage of the heritar of Perdowy, disponit be the said Johne of Striueling to the said Willame, be na rycht maid to me be vertu of the said alienatioun nor infestment: To the observing and keping of the premisis and every poynt thairof, I bind and oblis me faithfully myne airis and assignalis, to the said Schir Johne of Striueling his airis and assignalis, but fraud or gile. In witnes of the quhillk thing to thir my present letteris my sole is appensit and to hungin, to gidder with the subscription of my hand, at Perth, the acht day of Februar, the zere of God ane thousand fife hundreth and twenty sex zeris, befor thir witnes, George Douglas Master of Angus, Walter Forrester of Garden knyght, Alexander Drummond of Ermore, Maister Abraham Crichtoun persoun of Chernsyd, and David Spetale notar public with ytheris diuers.

JAMES HAMYLTON.

GIFT by Sir James Hammiltoun of Fynnart, Knight, to William Stirling of Glorat, of the office of Deputy-Constable and Keeper of the Castle of Dumbarton, 19th March 1527.

116. Be it kend to all men be thir present letteris, me James Hammiltoun of Fynnart knyght, Capytane of the Castell of Dunbertane constitut be oure souerane lord for xix zeris, and with powar to mak assignalis, deputis, and constabillis, and keiparis, garrantoris, portaris, and officiaris tharein unter me, as the letteris vnder his sole maide to me thare vpone propertis: to haif maid, constitut, and ordanit, and be thir present letteris makis, constitutis, and ordanis ane honorbill man and my wellbelovit, Wilzem Stirling of Glorat, and his airis, my warray lewchfull and vnlawlit deputis, constabillis, and keiparis of the said Castil and Fortis of Dunbertane, and all the strenthis thareof, for all the dayis and termes of sevyntyne zeris, nix and immediat followand the feist of Witsounday nix to cum aftir the day of the dait heirof, quhillk salbe his entre to the said offyce of constabillary and keipping of the said castell: and thare after to be vsit and brukyn be hym and his airis as and quhill the saidis sevyntyne zeris be full and togidder complet and cat roun: with all and syndry landis, annuell rentis, fischingis, malis, feu's, martis, service, profitis and dewiteis



pertaining or may perteining to the keipynge of the said castell; with court and plent of all the said landis and fyschings and dewytes, vnlawis, amerciamenis and escheris thare of to be taking vp and applyit to his awin ws and his aris, for thare lawbris and gode service to be done to the kingis thame and me in the promissis; and with powar to sett and rys the said landis and fyschings, and the tenantis, in hir hiris thare of [after] the vsche of thare termes to remits, input, out put, sik, and schange als of as he or his aris thinkis expedient during the said space; and to mak and creas portaris, garratoris, gevylowris, and all vber offycaris needfull for keipynge of the said castell and strenth, as he or his aris thinkis expedient daryng the said space, for the quiklikis that salbe holding to answair to the kingis grace and me; and generally all and syndry ony things to do excess and ws that to the offycer of constabulary and keipynge of the said Castell ar knawin to pertin, and that I mycht do therain my self be wertew of my commission as I wot personaly present; and my aris syl warrant acquinett and defend to the said Willm and his aris, the said office of constabulary and keipynge of the said castell, with all landis, annuell, fyschings, rents, fermes, malis, profitis, and dewytes perteining thare to, during the said seyyurynge zeiris in all and be all thingis as is aboune expremit, aganis all dedilly as law will, but frond or gyle. And is content to be nekit for fulfylling the samin to the said Willm in the fytallis batis of Lowmeane, vnder the paine of cursing; becaus he has contentit and payit to me for the samin, the sowme of thare hundredth powndis vsuale mony of Scotland. In witnes of the quibilk thing to thir my lectoris of constabulary and assedationis, subseruunt with my hand, my self is affixit, at Lythg, the xix day of moneth of Merche, the zeir of God 1<sup>o</sup> vi and xxvii zeiris, in presence of thir witnesss, Sehir Jame Stirling of Keer knyght, Mathe Hamilton R<sup>o</sup> st Hamilton of Letham, James Robeson burges of Linlithg, John Birseone of the Maitoun, Peter Buntyn, John Leneax, and Robert Foullis notar publier, with vtheris dñuers.

RATIFICATION by King James V, to John Stirling of the Koir, Knight, as his  
heritage tenant in the lands of Letili C. 27th May 1528.

117. JAMES by the grace of thir King of Scottis. To all and sindrie our liegis and sub-



dittis quham it efferis. quhais knowlage thir our letteris saltem. Greeting: That forsamekile as vnguhile William Stirueling of the Keir, knyght, father to Johne Stirueling of the Keir, knyght, sauld and maleit to vnguhile Mathew Forester of the Gunnerschaw, all and hale the landis of the Litill Cog and corn myln of the Coggis, than land within the shirefdom of Perth, to be haddin of our predecessouris and their successoris, kingis of Scotland: and thairefir vnguhile Walter Forster of Gardon, knyght, nevy and successor to the said vnguhile Mathew, for certane conderationis moving him, hes maid and gevin to the said Johne Stirueling, ane letter of reuersioune vnder his propir sole, for redemptioun of the landis and myln forsaiddis, as in the samyn at mac lucht is contenit: Thairfor, and for the god and thankfull service done to ws be the said Johne, We grant and promittis be thir presentis to him and his airis contenit in the said letter of reuersioune, that quhat tyme or howsone he or tha redemaris the saidis landis of Litill Cog, and myln of the Coggis, fra the airis of the said vnguhile Walter, or fra quhatsumeuer utheris possessoris thairof for the tyme, efter the tenour of the said reuersioune: quhilkis being fullillit, than the said Johne and his airis redemaris thairof, shall haue full and fre regres and ingres in and to the saidis landis and myln, with the pertinentis. And than as now, and now as than, we ressane, admittis, ratifis, and appreves him and them our heritable tennentis of the samyn, to be haddin of ws and our successoris, als foleyn in tym to cum, and on the samyn natour and nauner of haddin, as tha wer haddin by the said vnguhile William, befor the said alienatioun, without ony renuocatioun, forfaitour, eschet, skauth or perel quhatsumeuer to the said Johne or his airis thairtarow in ony tymes to cum. Gevin vnder our propir sole, and subscruift with our hand, at Stirueling, the xxvii day of Mai, the zer of God I<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> xxviii zeris, and of our rege the xv zer.

JAMES R.

TACK by James Sandelandis of Crewy to John Stirueling of the Keir, Knight, of the lands of Brokland Knyght, 21st April 1529.

118. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris, me James Sandelandis of Crewy, To haue sett and for male lattin, and be thir presentis settis and for male lattis, to ane honorable man, Johne Stirueling of the Keir knyght, and to his subtenantis, all and sindrie my five merk land of Brokland Knyght, with thair pertinentis, lynd in stewartry of Menchelth and succourie of Perth, quhilk he haft to haue in holding, for all the space and termes of five zeris: The sure of the said Johne and his subtenantis in and to the tak and assyntoun of my saidis landis of Brokland Knyght, at the first



of Witsounday uixtoreum, after the dait of thir present letteris, and fra thyne furth to be peciable broukit and joisit be tham enduring the said space of five zeris, in housis, pasturis, myre, moss, medow, wod, and with power to furth and imput subtenentis and bowmen, and cottaris, as thal sd think expedient. The said Johne and his subtenentis payand thairfor zeris to me ten merkis maill to be payit at the tyme vsuale termes in the zeir. Witsounday and Merymes in winter, to ewchlie proportionis allanerly, quhilke males, iff thal pay nocht within xx dayis after ilk termes this present letter of tak to be explicit. And I fersuith the said James, the tak and assedatioun of my saidis landis of Brookland, to the saidis Johne and his subtenentis, induring the said space of five zeris, sall warrant, acquiet and defend as law will. In witnes of quhilkeis to thir present letteris subscrinit with my hand, my sole prper is affixit, at Nework, the xxi day of Aprile, the yeir of God I<sup>o</sup> V: twenty nyne zeris, befoir this witnes, Andro Striueling, Dauid Scot, William Huchene, Johne McGilroy, and William Persone, with vtheris diuers.

JAMES SANDELANDIS off Crowy, etc.

GRANT by King James V. to John Striueling of Keir, Knight, of the marriage of Jonet Striueling, heiress of Cadder. 22nd July 1529.

119. JAMES, by the grace of God, King of Scottis. To all and sindry our lieges and subditis quham it efferis, quhais knauiege thir oure letteris salutum. Greeting. Witze Ws, with consent and ovis of owe Thesaurare, to have givin and grantit, and be thir oure letteris, givis and grantis to oure leid Johne Striueling of Keir, knycht, his airis and assignais, ane or mo, the mariage of Jonet Striueling, dochter and vire of vmpuhile Andro Striueling of Cadder, pertenyng or sal happen to pertene to ws, be ony maner of wch, and taikin of hir be deedes ymbaris, the mariage of ony vther air or airis, maill or fumel, that sall happen to succeed to the said vmpuhile Andro in his heretage, with all profitis of the said mariage: To be haldin, and to be had, the said mariage, with all profitis thereof, to the said Johne, his airis and assignais forsaidis, with all and sindry commodities, fredomes, profitis, and richtuis pertinentis quhatsomeuer, pertenyng or richtuisly may pertene tharto: with full power to the said Johne, his airis and assignais, to dispone apoun the said mariage as thal sall think expedient, frelie, quietlie, well, and in peace, without ony impediment, reuectionis or agonecalling quhatsomeuer: Quhairsore We charge straitlie and commandis you, all and sindry our lieges and subditis forsaidis, that none of you tak or can hand to mak ony impediment, lett, or distraingance to the said Johne, his airis and assignais forsaidis, in the peaceable brouking, jisint, intermaetting and dispounyng apoun the said mariage.



and all proffitis of the sainyne, aftir the tennour of thir our letteris, and vnd-r all pane and charge that aftir may follow. Given under our priue seale at Edinburgh, the xxij day of Julij, the zeir of God, I<sup>mp</sup> V<sup>rs</sup> xxix zeiris, and of our regne the xvij zeir.

Per signaturam manibus S. D. N. Regis et thesaurarij subscriptam.

CHARTER by John Striueling of Keir, Knight, to Mr. Adam Ottirburne of Auldhame, of the lauds of Balquhunry, &c., 1531.

120. OMNIBUS hanc certain visuris vel audituris, Johannes Striueling de Kere miles, Salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noueritis me, non vi aut mstr dictum, nec errore lapsum, seu dolo circumuentum, sed mea mera, pura, libera, et spontanea voluntate, vtilitateque mea vndique preuisa et pensata, concessisse, vendidisse, alienasse, et hae presenti carta mea confirmasse . . . . egregio viro, Magistro Ade Ottirburne de Auldhame, Preposito de Edinburgh, ac supremi domini nostri Regis aduocato, omnes et singulas terras meas de Balquhunry et Arnettis croft, cum tenentibus, tenetariis, ac libere tenentium seruitiis earundem, et suis pertinenciis, jacentes in baronia et dominio de Leslie, infra vicecomitatum de Fiff: pro quadam certa summa pecunie michi, in mea vrgenti et cognita necessitate, pre manibus per dictum magistrum Adam, gratauerit et integre persoluta, et in usum meum totaliter conuersa: de qua teneo me bene contentum, plenarie et integre persolutum, dictumque magistrum Adam, heredes suos, executores et assignatos, de eadem quietes clamo et exerceo, tenore presentis carte mie, imperpetuum. Tenendas et habendas omnes et singulas prefatas terras . . . . dicto magistro Ade Ottirburne et heredibus suis ac assignatis, a me heredibus meis et assignatis, de nobili et prepotenti domino, Georgio Comite de Rothes domino Leslie, et heredibus suis, dominis et baronibus de Leslie, imperpetuum . . . . Redendo inde annuatim, dictus Magister Adam heredes sui et assignati, prefato Georgio Comiti de Rothes et heredibus suis, dominis et baronibus de Leslie . . . . denario super solo dictarum terrarum, in die festi Penthecostes, nomine albesfirme, si petatur tantum . . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum, vacuum mea subscriptione manuali, presentibus est appensum, apud . . . . die . . . . mensis anni . . . . Domini millesimo quingen-  
tesimo tricesimo primo, coram his testibus . . . .

JOHNE STRIUELING of the Kere with my hand.



INSTRUMENT OF RENUNCIATION by James Hammiltoun of Fynnart, Knight, of the non-entry and ward of the lands of Crukisfee, &c., in the hands of King James V., 28th April 1531.

121. In Dei Nomine. Amen: Per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat evidenter et sit notum, quod anno Incarnationis Domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo primo, mensis vero Aprilis die vigesimo octavo, in nocturna quarta, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Clementis divina prouidentia pape septimi, anno octavo: In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia, personaliter constitutus nobilis vir, Jacobus Hammiltoun de Fynnart miles, omnibus melioribus modis via forma et jure quibus melius et efficiens de jure potuit et debuit, potestque et debet, sponte, libere, et ex sua certa scientia, pure et simpliciter cum pariter et effectu renunciat, resignat, et extradonat, prout tenore presentis publici instrumenti, pureque et simpliciter renunciat, resignat, et extradonat, in manibus excellentissimi principis, Jacobi quinti Scotorum Regis illustrissimi, uenitriatum et wardam omnium et singularum terrarum de Crukisfee et Incheclynnane, Scottistoun, et Dargawaill, tam proprietatis quam tenandiarum, cum heradicis, piscariis, melendinis, multuris, abucentiibus ecclesiasticis et capellaniarum earundem, cum pertinentiis, jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Renfrow: exceptis tenantriis Johanni Domino Erskyn, et Roberto Stewart de Mynto pertinentibus, cum reliquo dictarum terrarum: Neconon renunciat, et extradonat in manibus dicti excellentissimi principis, maritagium Mathei Comitis de Leuenax, filii et heredis quondam Johannis Comitis de Leuenax, seu cuiuscunque alterius heredis, masculi aut feminae, dicto Johanni in suo hereditate succendentis, dicto Jacobo, ex donatione seu donationibus dicti excellentissimi principis, sibi quoquecumque alio modo pertinentem et spectantem, eum omni alio jure et interesse quod idem Jacobus habet aut habere potuit, in et ad dictas terras, firmas, proficia, et deuaria earundem, in fauorem nobilis domini, Mathei Comitis de Leuenax, suorum hereditum et assignatorum, pro noua donatione premissorum ipsis danda per dictum excellentissimum principem: Insper, idem Jacobus renunciat, resignat, et extradonat, prout tenore presentis instrumenti renunciat et extradonat pure et simpliciter in manibus eiusdem excellentissimi principis, officium Custodie sine Capitanei Castri de Dunbertane, cum feodis et emendamentis et proficiis eidem incumbentibus, per donationem Regis, aut altius prout modo sibi spectantibus, in fauorem dicti Mathei Comitis de Leuenax, suorum hereditum et assignatorum, pro noua donatione ipsi's eisdem donis: reservata tamen associatione Capitanei sine Custodie dicti Castri, emolumitorum et proficiorum eidem pertinentiem, honora-



bili viro, Willelmo Striueling de Glorat pro omnibus et singulis terminis in dicta sua assedatione contentis, ac secundum formam et tenorem eiusdem: Super quibus omnibus et singulis dieris Matheus Comes, et prefatus Willelmus Striueling, petierunt et quilibet illorum petit instrumentum et instrumenta, publicum et publica: Acta erant hec apud palatium regium monasterii Sancte Crucis prope burgum de Edinburgh situatam, in camera regia interiori dicti monasterii, horata circa nonam ante meridiem, sub anno, mense, die, inductione, et pontificatu quibus supra: Presentibus ibidem, reuerendo in Christo patre, Andrea miseratione divina Episcopo Catharensi, venerabili in Christo patre, Jacobo Abbe de Dryburgh, Willelmo Wod de Bonington, Willelmo Hamilton de Sampmar, Georgio Steill, et Willelmo Cuthery, cum diuersis aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter rogatis.

Et ego Willelmus Wychtman, arium magister, clericus Sanctiandree diocesis, saera auctoritate apostolica notarius: Quia etc.

M. WILLELMUS WYCHTMAN notarius publicus.

Act of Caution before the Royal Justices by William Striueling of Glorat.  
23rd October 1531.

122. In Curia Itineris Justiciarie Supremi Domini Nostri Regis, tenta et inchoata apud burgum de Dunbertane, die Lune, xxiii die mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo primo, etiam nobili et potenti domino, Johanne Domino Erskyne, et Johanne Campbell de Lulie milite, Justiciarib[us] supremi domini nostri Regis, coniunctim et diuisim, in absencia nobilis et potenti domini, Archibaldi Comitis Ergadie, Domini Campbell et Lorne, Justiciarib[us] Generalis supremi domini nostri Regis: comparsit in judicio etiam dicto Justiciarib[us] Willelmus Striueling de Glorat, prout alias indictatus seu arrestatus extiterat, et per rotulos regis calumpniatus fuit, de arte et parte oppressionis facte Willilmo Emonstone de Duntreicht, in intromissione et detencione ab eo sui loci de Duntreicht, pomariorum, siluarum, pratorum, et lie wardis eiusdem, per spatiu[m] triu[m] annorum, sine aliquo juris titulo: pro quoquādem actione et calumpnia prefatus Willelmus Striueling cepit se ad respectuacionem supremi domini nostri Regis: et innenit Johannem Striueling de Cragbernard et seipsum plegios, coniunctim et diuisim, ad satisfaciendum partibus de eo juste comparentibus, secundum formam juris: Datum et extractum de libro adiornalis sui regi domini nostri Regis, per me Nicholaum Crawford de Organgis, Clericum Justiciarie eiusdem generalem, sub meis signo et subscriptione manuslibus.

NICHOLAS CRAWFORD, Clericus Justiciarie.



RENTNCLATION by Alexander [Stewart] Bishop of Murray, as Commendator of Seone, to John Striueling of the Keir, Knight, of the lands of Strowe, 4th May 1531.

123. WE Allexander be the permission of God Bishop of Murray, Commendator of the Abbays of Sewne and Inchaffray, for vs and our Convent of Sewne, be thir presentis renuncis and ourgiwis for ever, to Jhone Striueling of the Keir knycht, the landis of Strowe with thair pertinantis, land within the Shirefship of Perthe, apprisit fra him to vs, for certane sovnez of mony quhilkis he wes obiist in the rollis of our Soueraune Lordis chekeris, in the thre zeiris countis that he held of the casualltyis, of the office of Shireffship of Perthe to haif inbrocht to vs and our said convent, of our teynd penneis of the saidis casualltyis, and grantis the saidis landis to be lawefuly redemyt be him fra vs; and attour dischargis him of all rwn maillis thairof, and expensis of apprysing of the samyn; becaus the said Jhone has payit and satisfyit vs of our saidis teynd pennyis contentit in his saidis countis. In witnes herof we haif subseruitt this present writt with our hand, at Edinbarugh, the ferd day of Maij the xiiij of God Jm V<sup>e</sup> thretj and aue zeris, befoir thir witnes, Robert Striueling, Andro Striueling, William Huchoune, Schir Henry Fyngask, Maister William Merchell notarius publicus.

Ita est WILLMS MERSHELL Notarius publicus manu propria.

LETTERS of EXCOMMUNICATIO by the Official of Lothian against John Kynross of Kippenross, 1st May 1531.

124. OFFICIALIS Sanctiandree infra Archidiocesatum Londonie; Curato de Edinbarugh, seu cuiuscunque alteri capellano, Subiit: Quia alias Iohannes Kynross de Kippenross legitime, ex sua propria confessione, sub pena excommunicationis, monitus, submittendo se nostre jurisdictioni in hac causa, ad perimplendum et absquandum quemdam



contractum alias initum et confectum inter ipsum ab una, et nobilem virum, Johannem Striueling de Keir militem, partibus ab altera, sibi Johannem Striueling in omnibus suis punctis et articulis, minime perimpliebat aut observauit, prout in dictam excommunicationis sententiam dampnabiliter incidebat, unde ipsum, suis lemeritis causantibus manifestis, excommunicamus in hiis scriptis: Vobis igitur et vestrum cailibet, precipimus et mandamus quatenus, prefatum Johannem Kynross, sic per vos excommunicatum fore in ecclesia vestra ante dicta, et alibi ubi opus fuerit, coram populo infra missarum solemnia, omnibus diebus dominicis et festiis, publice denuncietis, non cessantes donec aliud habueritis in mandatis: Et presentes debito exequuntur, earundem latori redditis: Datum sub sigillo officii nostri apud Edinburg, die primo mensis Maii, anno Domini M<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> xxxi.

Die Pentecostes, ego Robertus Cristesone, Curatus de Striueling, superscriptum Johannem Kynross, secundum tenorem presentium, denunciam excommunicatum, teste manu propria, infra ecclesiam parochialem de Striueling.

Die Pentecostes, ego Thomas Millar capellanus, superscriptum Johannem secundum tenorem presentium, personaliter apprehensum intimationem feci, coram testibus, Thoma Kynross, Donaldo Gorte, et diuersis aliis: teste manu propria.

DECREE by the Official of Lothian in favour of John Striueling of Keir, Knight.  
7th December 1531.

125. CAUSTI nomine Invocato: Nos Thomas Maillull Rector de Nuton, Commissariusque venerabilis et egregii viri, Magistri Jacobi Symsoni, Rectoris de Kirkforthir ac Officialis Sanctiandree infra Archidiaconatum Laulonie: Judicantes pro triburili sedentes in quadam causa jurium coram dicto domino Officiali motu, et alii coram nobis pendente indecisa, inter honorabilem virum, Johannem Striueling de Keir militem, actionem, ab una, et Johannem Kynross de Kirpaneross, reum, partibus ab altera: Cognoscentes iuxta ea que vidimus, audiuimus et cognovimus, juris peritorum communiceato consilio et secuto, quibus fideliciter fieri fecimus relationem in eadem, seduna Deum pre oculis habentes, eiusque nomine sanctissimo prenatus invocato, per hanc nostram sententiam interlocutoriam, vim habentem diffinitive, quam notimus in hiis scriptis: Pronunciamus, decernimus et declaramus dictum Johannem Striueling, sua jura coram nobis producta bene et legitime probasse, et propter eam dictum Johannem absolucionem fore, prout absoluimus a sententiis excommunicationis, cagulationis et compunctionis, si quas incurreret, ad instantiam predicti Johannis Kynross, ob non completionem eiusdem contractus inter ipsos confecti, et in libris nostre curie registrati, de data decimi quinto



diei mensis Martii, anni Domini millesimi quingentesimi decimi octavi, quatuor ad tempus preteritum: non obstantibus iuribus, replicationibus et triplicationibus coram nobis productis pro parte dicti Johannis Kynross, et probationi admisis et minime probatis: Idecire dictum Johannem Kynross in expensis litis factis et fiendis, eadem nostra sententia condemnandum fore: Et hoc omnibus et singulis quorum interest notum facimus per presentes: Extractum de libro sententiarum Officialis Sanctiandree infra Archidiacionatum Laneforne: lata et promulgata septimo die mensis Decembris, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo primo: In cuius rei testimonium sigillum officii Officialatus presentibus est affixum, apud Edinburgh, anno, die, mense predictis.

DECREE by the Official of Lothian against John Kynross of Kippenross,  
7th August 1532.

126. CRISTI Nomine Inuocato: Nos Jacobus Symson, Rector de Kirkforthir, ac Officialis Sanctiandree infra Archidiacionatum Laneforne: Iudex pro tribunali sedentes, in quādam causa iuribus coram nobis mota et aliis pendente indecisa, inter honorabilem virum, Johannem Kynross de Kippenross, actorem, ab una, et etiam honorabilem virum, Johannem Striueling de Keir, militem, reum, partibus ab altera: Cognoscentes juxta ea quae vidimus, audivimus et cognovimus, jurispritorum conanunicato consilio et secuto, quibus fideliem fieri fecimus relationem in eadem, solum Deum pre oculis habentes, cīusque nomine sanctissimo primitus inuocato, per hanc nostram sententiam interlocutriam vīs cīfānicie labentem, quā ferimus in hiis scriptis: Pronuncia mus, decernimus et declaramus, ex dictis coram nobis prefatū Johannem Kynross minime absconditum fore, nec abs hi debere pariter nec abscondimus, a sententiis excommunicatis, aggrauationis et reaggrauationis quas alias incurrebat ad instantiam prefati Johannis Striueling, ob non perimplitionem cuiusdam contractus confecti de data xv diei mensis Martii, anni Domini 1<sup>o</sup> VI<sup>o</sup> xviii: Prouterea dictum Johannem Kynross in expensis litis factis et fiendis, eadem nostra sententia interlocutria condempnandum: Et hoc omnibus et singulis quorum interest notum facimus per presentes: Leeta, lata et promulgata fuit huc nostra sententia, in ecclesia collegiata beati Egidii de Edinburgh, in insula Sancti Martini in eadem, loco consistoriali eiusdem solito et consueto, die septimo mensis Augusti, anno Domini 1<sup>o</sup> VI<sup>o</sup> xxxii, in presentia prefati Johannis Striueling de Keir militis: Presentibus ibidem venerabilibus viris, magistris Jacobo Caruane, Jacobo Murray, Willmo Wichtoun, Willmo Jhunstone, Johannem Cowtis, Johanne Alcockoun, et domino Roberto Symson capellano, cum diuersis aliis: Extractum de libro sententiarum domini Officialis Sanctiandree infra Archi-



diaconatum Land mie: In eius rei testimonium, sigillum officii Officialeatus dicti domini Officiale presertim est affixum. apud Edinburgh, die xi mensis Septembris, anno Domini 1<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> xxxii.

CLAIM by John Strineling of the Kair against the Laird of Kippenross. Circa 1532.

127. My Lordis Juges Arbitrariis. I. Jhone Strineling of the Kair, desyris that your Lordshipis decern the Laird of Kippenross till apprehens and fullill to me for his part, the contract inidenterly made betwix vs. of the daft at Edinburgh, the xv day of Marche, the zere of God 1<sup>o</sup> vii. and xviii zeres, conformat to the Officiale of Lowthianis sentence definitiue givin for me contrar hym, with letteris of cursyng, agrauatioun, and reagruauatioun, resit on hym for non fulfilling of the samyn, as he that is axit thereto be his owin confessioun, alsoell in the bewkis of Counsall, as in the said officiale bewkis: togidder with my expensis of pley, demarcs and costis be me suspenit, throw his coming contrar the samyn contract, as I salt particularly gif to your Lordshipis in bill. And quhair he will allege that he hes appellit contrar the saidis sentence, I am contentit that your Lordshipis justine and knew upon the said appellation, and to decern therupon sen we hawe submitit all actionis to zow, and is for his part and I for myne, to gif in our resonis to your Lordshipis thareupon.

Item. I ask at the said Laird of Kippenross the summ of 7<sup>o</sup> li. becaus he oblist him and his ayrris, men, and seruandis, to my fader and his ayrris, with vther sinly dimer restrictionis, as is contenit in ane avenak Instrumente takin thereupon, in the quhilkis he hes failleit, and thairfor shold be decernit to pay the said summa to me, as eyr to my said fader.

Item. I ask the said Laird of Kippenross, the profit of the landis of Lappach for the space of thre zeres fra the daft of the recognycioun of the samyn, quhill the day that I recouerit the decret of warrantys thereof, extending in meyll, grassstan, fysche, irne, and vtheris preffittis zerly to lxxx li.

Item, I ask at the said Laird the expensis I sustenit in defence of the decret of recognycioun, and in pursuyt of the said warrantys, extending to the summ of 1<sup>o</sup> xx li.

Item. I ask for my expensis of pley that I sustenit throw the last sumonallis he hes persewit contrar me for retreveyng of the recognycioun, and intendig to leue impreveit ane instrument contrarie me, the summ of 1<sup>o</sup> li. sin it is fandin be your Lordshipis decret, that I am assolteit fra his petition.



RESIGNATION by Alan Hamilton of Bardoway, to James Hamilton of Fynnart, Knight, his Superior, of the lands of Bardoway, 21st May 1531.

128. Be it kend to all men by thir present letteris. Me Alane Hamilton of Bardoway, to haue resignit and ouregevin, and be the tenour heirof purleis and symplie, be staff and bastoun, resignis and ouregevis ane acre of my land, land at the est end of my Manis of Bardoway, with aduocacion and donation and richt of patronage of my Kirk of Badeirnock, with their pertinents, land within the shiredomme of Dunbertane, in the handis of ane richt honorable man, James Hamilton of Fynnart knyght, my superiour of the samyn, to remane with him and his airis for euir as thair propirtie perpetuall in all tyme tocum, to be disponit be him and thame at thair plesour: and that for the soume of ane thowsand pundis vsuale money of Scotland payit and delinerit be him to me thairfor at the making heirof, of the quilk soume I held me wele content and payit, and quickeclames and dischargis him, his airis, executouris and assignayis thairof for euir be thir presentis. And I bersurh, my airis and assignayis, sall warant acquiete and defend to the said James his airis executouris and assignayis, the said acre of land, with aduocacion and donation and richt of patronage of the said Kirk of Badeirnock, and their pertinents for euir, in all and be all thingis as is, above expremit, aganis all deidie as law will, but fraud or gile. And I, my airis and assignayis sall nevir cum incontrar heirof be oure self, nor name vtheris in oure name, nor name vtheris that we may lett, nor sall molest nor truble the said James, his airis nor assignayis, in the pessible brouking and josing of the said acre of land and richt of patronage of the said kirk, and disponing thairon at thair plesour in all tyme comung, vndir the paine of payment to thame of the said soume of ane thowsand pundis money foirsaid: And gif it happynis, as God forbid, that I or thair in ony wyse cum incontrar heirof, I bynd and oblis me faithfullie, my airis executouris and assignayis, to refoud content pay and thankfullie deluer to the said James, his airis executouris or assignayis, the said soume of ane thowsand pundis, as propir confessioun, quilk I grant me to haue ressauit fra the said James at the making heirof, for resignacion and ouregeving to him of my said acre of land and richt of patronage foirsaid, within forty dayis next aftir it be noteurlie knawin an l sufficientlie provit that I, my airis or assignayis, or ony vtheris in myne or thair names, cumonis incontrar the premisis in ony wyse, or trublis the said James his airis or assignayis in pessible brouking and josing of the said acre of land and richt of patronage of the said kirk: And to the obeswing and fruillie heirof be my and trewlie in names foirsaid, I bynd and oblis me raditally, my airis executouris and assignayis, to the said James his airis executouris and assignayis, in the maist strait



forme and sicker stile of obligation that can be deuiseit, but fraud or gile, na remeid nor exception of law, canon, ciuile, municipale, actis of parliament, statutis, constitutionis, or vtheris quhatsumeuer to be propounit in the contrar, renunceand the samyn for me my airis executoris and assignayis for euir, be thir presentis. In witness of the quhilk thing to thir my letteris sub seredit with my hand, my sole is hungin, at Hamyltoun, the xxi day of May, the zeir of God, ane thousand fyve hundredth xxxi zeiris, before thir witness, Willame Striueling of Glorat, Patrik Maxwell of Newerk, Gowyne Hamyltoun of the Haggis, Johne Hamyltoun of the Newton, Sir Andro Waleit notar public, with vtheris diuerss.

Sechir Andro Waleit Notar publice subserinit this for ALANE HAMILTON of Par-  
dowe, at his command his hand twehand the pen.

ANDREAS WALCHUS Notarius, manu propria. Ita est A. W.

CONTRACT between Marion Maxwell, Lady of Bardowe, Alan Hamiltoun of Bardowe,  
her son, and John Logan of Balwee, 17th June 1531.

129. AT Dunbertane, the xvii day of June, in the zeir of God I<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> and thretty ane zeiris. It is compremittit betuix honorabil personis, Marioun Maxwell, Lady of Bardowe, Alane Hamiltoun of Bardowe, hir sone, for thare kynn, freindis, seruandis and part-  
takaris on that ane part, and Johne Logane of Balwee, for his kynn, freindis, seruandis and parttakeris on the tuther part, has efter fellowis, that is to say; that the said Marioun and Alane hic sone, for them, thare kyn, freindis, seruandis and parttakeris, and the said Johne Logane, for his kyn, freindis, seruandis and parttakeris, with ane consent and assent, has conynglie schothing honorabil men, Patrik Maxwell of Nework, and Willam Striueling of Glorat, Capytone of Dunbertane, has neutrall vnsuspek and equall personis, baith schothing in amy voce, has Jngis, arbitratoris, and amicabill compositoris, to dissyde, discrue, decret and counsall, amentis all slauchtoris, hurtis, domagis, skaithis, breking of assurerence, spuizeis, reiftis, debaitis, actionis of forfactoris, or ony vther contraversiones quhatsumeuer, depending or that may depend betuix the saidis parteis, quhilkis neutrall personsall shall conwein into the paroche kirk of Dun-  
bertane the xxii day of June instant, be ix hours befor nowne, and than shall tak the dischesioun of the saidis actiones or ony vther contraversiones on them in mater fersaid, and to be sworne tharto, to dissyde, discrue and counsall amicabill, and the saidis parteis to conuein, day and tyme abone writing, to abyde and vnderly the sentence, ordynance, and counsallis of the saidis neutrall personsall, and to be seidis to fulfill the samyn, without appell, or a reclaimation, quhatsumeuer. Quhilk sentence ordynance, decret and counsall to be geving furent and premitit within xx davis nix



efter the said day of convention, with powar to the saidis neutrall personis to pro-  
rogat the samyn to launger dayis has thai sal think neidfull, and in the mane thyme, the  
saidis parteis, ilk ane for them self, ther kyn, frendis, seruandis, and parttakeris, in the  
law and by the law, assuris vtheris to be one molestit entriblit or wexit be vtheris, or  
ony that thei may latt, on to the day of the pronunciacioun of the decret or ordinance  
and counsall to be geving has saidis. And als the said John Logane oblis hym to  
solist, lawbor and help at his hele powar, to persuad Colyne Campbell of Auchinbowie,  
his sownes and frendis, to appoint and concord with the said Alane anent the stawch-  
teris and displesoris cumangis them. And attour, if ony of the frendis of thir forsaidis  
lardis, principallie the Lord of Colgrane and his frendis on the tane part, and the lard  
of Cowdoun and his frendis on the tuther part, will noctt submet them to thir forsaidis  
jugis, thai sal bring wiht them to this saidis day sic jugis as thai will wis and abyde  
att for ather of them, quhilk jugis sal half siglyk strenght and powar to dissyde in and  
vpone thir particular materis in all behawfis, lyk as the forsaidis Jugis haue vpon the  
forfaidis principall lardis. In witness of the quhilk thing, all the saidis parteis has  
subscrivit with thair handis, day, zeir and place aboue writing, befor thir witness: John  
Striueling of Cragbarnat, Maister James Striueling, personoun of Kilmadene, [?] Walter  
Striueling in Balagane, Walter Gibreicht of Kerscudden, Maister John Ker, John  
Busbae of Mukerawit, John Lenox, Schir Thomas Jaeson, and Thomas Bischop, notor.

ALAN HAMMILTON, of Bardowe, with my hand vpon the pen.

JOHNE LOGANE of Ballance.

ANDRO STIRLING in Bankeir, with my hand on the pen.

INSTRUMENT of RESTAURATION by Margaret and Marjory Striuelings to John Striueling  
of Keir, Knight, of the lands of Welewyg, 2nd July 1531.

130. In Dei nomine. Amen. Per hoc presens publicum Instrumentum cancellis pateat eu-  
denter, quod anno Incarnationis Domini 1531, in illo anno quingentesimo trigesimo primo,  
mensis vero Juli die secunda, Indictione quarta, Pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo  
patris et domini nostri, domini Clementis divina prouidentia pape septimi, anno octavo:  
In nostrorum notariorum pedilicorum et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter  
constitute, proinde et honeste testiles, Margarita Striueling et Mariota Striueling,  
sorores, filie et heredes quod in Roberti Striueling de Welewyg, et unaquaque eorum  
particulariter per se ipsas, non alio aut metu detinet, nse errore la se, seu fraude aut dolo  
circumveniente, sed suis propriis et spontaneis voluntatibus in sorante, pure et simplici-  
ter resignarunt, renunciarunt, et pro perpetuo sursa resiſiderunt et quelibet earum  
renunciarunt, resignarunt, et pro perpetuo sursa resiſiderunt, in manibus honorabilis viri



Johannis Strueling de Keir milicis, baronis baroniae omnia et singularum terrarum de Keir, totas et integras predictas terras suas de Welebig, cum mansione carundon et vniuersis suis pertinentiis, ipsis resonantibus hereditariis pertinentes, jacentes in baronia de Keir infra vicecomitatum de Perth, tanquam in malibus dominorum sororum superiorum earundem, ad perpetuam remanentiam apud dictum Johannem, heredes et assignatos suos, in proprietate hereditarii remansuras. Et hoc propter nonnulla prædona et gratitudines dictis sororibus per ipsam Johannem impensas, ac omni juri et iuriis titulo proprietati et possessioni carundonii terrarum de Welebig eam pertinentiis renunciarunt et pro perpetuo cesserunt: Et de non renouando aut contraueniendo huiusmodi renunciationi et resignacioni in notarum, in judicio seu extra, dice Margareta et Mariota, tactis Dei ewangelis jurarunt, et quilibet earum jurauit, ac exonerarent et absolverunt conscientias dicti Johannis et sui patris, penes huiusmodi terras de Welebig et mansionem earundem eam suis pertinentiis quibuscumque. Super quibus omnibus et singulis, prefatus Johannes Stryueling de Keir miles, a nobis notariis publicis subscriptis sibi fieri petiti publicum sine publica instrumentum seu instrumenta, unum seu plura. Acta erant hec in ecclesia parochiali de Donyng, hora sexta post meridiem, aut eo circa, sub anno, mense, die, inflictione et pontificatu, quibus supra. Presentibus ibidem, Johanne Chayn de Innerdonyn, Robtto Bercay de Scrowy, Malicio Moresone, Willelmo Huehean, Matheo Grahame, Andree Annand, et Andree Oliphant, testibus ad premissa vocatis atque rogatis.

Et ego dominus Patricius Ross, presbyter Sancti Andree dioecesis publicus sacra Apostolica auctoritate notarius, etc.—PATRICIUS ROSS Notarius.

Et ego Thomas Annand, Dumblapensis dioecesis, clericus, sacra auctoritate apostolica notarius, etc.—THOMAS ANNAND.

GIFT by Matthew Earl of Lennox, with consent of William Stirling of Giloret his curator, to Sir John Strueling of the Keir, of the maner of the lands of Auchinhowye, &c., 1st August 1532.

131. BE it kend, vs Mathew Erll of Lennax, with consent, avis, and autorite of Williame Strueling of the Giloret, our Curatour, to half givin, grantit and disponit, and to thir presentis, givis grantis and disponis to Jhone Strueling of the Keir, Knycht, his ayrris or assingnais, ane or ma, the maneris and byren malez of all and sindrye the landis of Auchinhowye, Blairskavth, Braanz and Bankeir, with thair pertynentis, land within the said erldom, and shirldom of Strueling, and of the landis of Blarnayn, and Kyrkmechell, land in the samyn erldom, and shirldom of Dunbertan, of zeris and termes bypert that the samyn or onye part thairof hes beyn in our predecessoris handis or



owris, or sall happen to be and to pertene to ws our ayrris and successouris, of all termez to cum, and ay and quhill the lauchfull entres of the rychtowis ayr or ayrris thairto, with the releif of the samyn gif it sall happen; and als of ane payr of hois of skarlet clayth, zeirlye and of ilk zeir swing to our predecessoris or to ws, be Collin Campbell of Awechinkhowye, or be his predecessoris of all zeris bypast for one part of the foirnemyt landis, as is contenit intill his auld infestmentis thairof. To be holdin and to be had the noentreis and byrun malez of the landis of Awechinkhowye, Blarskayth, Branzet, Bauskeir, Blairmarn and Kirkmechell, with thair pertinentis, of zeris and termez bygane and to cum, that the samyn hes bene or sall happen to be in the handis of our predecessoris, ouris or owr successouris, and ay and quhill the lauchfull entres of the rychtowis ayr or ayrris thairto, with the releif of the samyn gif it sall happen, togidder with ane payr of hois of skarlet clayth zeirlye auct to our saidis predecessoris or to vs of zeris and termez bypast as said is, to the said Jhone, his ayrris and assignais ane or ma, with all and sindrye fredomez, comoditeis and profitis thairto perteynyng, with powar to hym and thame to dispoyne thairpon, and to compeyne and discharge the said Collyn and all vtheris thairof, as thai sall think expedient and to persew and follow the samyn befor quhilsumever Juge or Jugis at thair plesour, turnand and transferrand all ryght clane, and entres that we had, hes, or may haif, in and to the saidis noentreis and birwu malez of all zeris bigayne and to cum, ay and quhill the rychtowis ayr or ayrris enter to the saydis landis, with the releif thairof, gif it sall happen, togidder with ane payr of hois of skarlet clayth zeirlye, and of all zeris and termez bypast, in and to the saidis Jhone, his ayrris and assignais, ane or ma, and sall warrant, aquist and defend the samyn to hym and thame, as law will, and concur to help thame to recover the samyn. In witness of quhilikis, to thir our letteris of dispossessioun, cessionerij and assignatioun, subseruunt with our hand our propir seill is affixit, togidder with the seill and subsciptionis of the said William, in taking of his consent, aviss and autorite, at Edinburgh, the first day of August, the zeir of God Jm V: thretty tua zeris, befor this witnes, Patrik Maxwell of Newwerk, Maister Jhone Ker, Thomas Lernotht, William Balfour, and Andro Gerthe, with vtheris diuers.

*Malcolm will of Pittendreich*  
*Walter Pitt of Glasgow*



INSTRUMENT on the Renunciation by Margaret Lewingstoun, spouse of James Hammilton of Fynnart, Knight, of her conjunct infestment of the lands of Bardowe, etc.,  
1st August 1532.

132. In Dei Nominé. Amen: Per hoc presens publicum Instrumentum cunctis pateat  
cuidenter, quod anno Incarnationis Domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo  
secundo, mensis vero Augusti die primo, Indictione quinta, Pontificatus sanctissimi  
in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Clementis, dictina prouidentia pape septimi,  
anno nono: In urbi notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia, personaliter  
constituta prouida manuier, Margareta Lewingstoun, sponsa nobilis viri, Jacobi Hammil-  
ton de Fynnart militis, cum consensu et assensu prefati Jacobi sui sponsi, omne ius  
et juris titulum p[ro]p[ri]e habet h[ab]et aut quouscudo habere poterit, in et ad suam con-  
iunctam infestationem omnium et singularium sui scriptarum terrarum, videlicet, ter-  
rarum de Bardowe, Bucharrage, Kincail et molendini eiusdem, ac vnius acre terrarum  
jacentis ex parte maneriel de Bardowe, vnde cum adnotacione, donatione  
et jure patronatus ecclesie de Bathernock, renunciant, puraque et simpliciter extra-  
donavit in favorem honorabilis viri, Johannis Struiling de Keir militis sacerdotumque  
heredum: Insuper etatis per eandem Margaretam, sacerdotis scripturis ait sacra D[omi]ni  
euangelia, jurauit, extra presentiam dicti Jacobi sui mariti, quod ad prescriptam  
renunciationem non fuit compulsa, coacta, seducta, seu aliquo alia illicita machinatione  
circumuenta per dictum Jacobum suum sponsum, seu quemeunque alium, sed ex sua  
mera, pura et spontanea voluntate, et quod contra premissa nupciam deueniret aut  
deuenire procurabit, per se vel aliam intermedianam personam, quouscudo colore vel  
ingenio, in iudicio vel extra, v[er]is futuris temporibus: Super quibus omnibus et sin-  
gulis, prefatus Johannes Struiling de Keir miles, a me notario publico subscripto, sibi  
fieri petiit hoc presens publicum instrumentum, seu publica instrumenta: Acta erant  
hec in hospitio prefati Jacobi, infra burgum de Linlythow, hora quasi sexta post meri-  
diem vel circa, sub anno, die, mense, indictione et pontificatu quibus supra: Presenti-  
bus ibidem honorabilibus viris, Kentigerno Stevinsone de Herlsmanscholis, Andrea  
Ross et Thoma Leirmouth, cum diversis aliis ad premissa vocatis pariterque rogatis.

Et ego Johannes Cowtis, clericus Abirlonensis diocesis, publicus sacra auctoritate  
apostolica notarius, etc.

JOHANNES COWTIS Notarius.

[*Dorsum.*] Non tamquam. This tally was monist be and act vader panis of cursin.  
of the sumindait of this Instrument, never to eas in the contrar herof: quilk act  
is in the officiellis bwickis of Leathane.



DISCHARGE by Thomas Colquhoun of Thorntoun to Andrew Strindling of Ballindroch. 22nd September 1532.

133. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris, me Thomas Culquhoun of Thorntoun, possessour of the landis of Kirkton: Forsamek as I have gevin ane letter of Reversioun vnder my proper scill and hand writ, to Andro Strindling of Ballindroch, makand mentioune that quhat tyme and how soone it sall happen him, his airis or assignais, to content and pay to me, my airis or assignais, the sovme of sex scoir five merkis, haill and togidder in ane sovme, into the blak freris kirk of Glasgow, apone the hie altar of the samyn; that I or thai sall resigne, renunce, quitelane, discharge and ourgif to the said Andro, his airis or assignais, all and haill the landis of Kirkton of Bathernoch, extendand to fifty schilling land of auld extent, with the pertinence, lyand within the erdeome of Levynax and Schirffleome of Dunbarton: Like as at mair leuth is contentit in my said reversioun, of the dait at Edinburgh, the tent day of Maii, the zeir of God ane thousand five hundreith and thretty twa yeris: off the quhilk fair neimmit sovme of sex scoir five merkis, I the said Thomas grantis me to haue resauit fra the said Andro, at the day of the making of thir presentis, the sovme of ten merkis, in pairt of payment of the foirsaid sovme of sex scoir five merkis, and the said Andro, his [airis] executouris and assignayis, for me myn airis executouris and assignais, of the said sovme of ten [merkis quitelanes] and discharges for now and euir: And at the compleit payment of the rest of the said haill sovme, I bind and obllis me, be the faidit and treuch in my body, my airis and assignais, that I or thai incontinent theroff sall renunce, resigne, quitelane, discharge, and ourgif to the said Andro, his airis or assignayis, all and haill the forsaide land of Kirkton of Bathernoch with the pertinence, and grant the samyn landis leichfully redemyt fra me, after the tenour of my said reversioun, and sall deliner hym or thame all letteris and evidencis maid to me or my predecessouris thair apone, but fraude or gyle: In witnes heirof to thir present letteris subseriwit with my hand, my scill is affixt, at Edinburgh, the twenty vnu day of September, the zeir of God ane thousand five hundreith and thretty twa yeris, befoir thir witnes, John Strindling of Keir knycht, Thomas Leirmenth, William Petrone, and James Zoung with vtheris divers.

THOMAS COLQUHOUN of Thorntoun with my hand.

TACK by John Abbot of Leindris and Courant thereof to Sir John Strindling of the Keir, Knight, of the landis of Beu and Crickie. 5th October 1532.

134. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris, ws Jhone throw the permissione of God



Abbot of Lundoris and Coment of the sommyn, cheþtouly gadderit and ryþþe avisit, with the hail consent and assent of our cheþtour, the vtilite and profet of ws and oþr place sene and understand to haþ set and for mail lattyn, and be the tenour of thir our present letteris settis and for mail lattyn, to an rycþt honurable man, Schir Jhone Striueling of the Keir knyght, and to his ayris and subtenentis aue or may, al and bail oþr landis of Beny and Caitkin, with thair pertinentis, to gider with the tend schavis of the sommyn, lyand within the schirefdomme of Perth and our regalite of Lundoris; for al the dayis and termes of nyntene zeris niȝt and immediat folowand the entres of the said Schir Jhone, his ayris and subtenentis aue or may, to the forsyd landis and tend schavis, quylk entres sal be at the fest of Witsunday niȝt and immediat folowand the dait of this write, and frathinfurh to endure ay and quylk the said nyntene zeris be fullely and togidder compleȝt and byrywþ: To be holdin and hal al and sindry the said landis of Beny and Caitkin with thair pertinentis, togidder with the tend schavis of the sommyn, to the said Schir Jhone his ayris and subtenentis aue or may, of ws and our successouris in maling, as the said landis lyis in lynch and in breid, be al and sindry rythis markis, methis and devisis, with fre yschay and entray, coramwn pastur, with all and sindry other commodeitieis, aislamentis, liberteis and profeteis, to the saidis landis and tend schavis pertenand, or ryþþously may pertene, any maner of way, with ful power to in put and owt put subtenentis aue or may, in the saidis landis and tendis, als oft as is sene expedient to the said Schir Jhone and his ayris, endurand the tyme of nyntene zeris as said is: Paynd therfor zelijy the said Schir Jhone his ayris and subtenentis aue or may, to ws our successouris and factouris, the sowm of twelf pwindis wþual monye of Sewardland, at twa wþual termes in the zeir, Witsunday and Mertimes in winter, be zelijye portionis, togidder with multur to oþr rayl of al cornis growend apon our said landis, with herage, eringe, deweis and do service, als mekil and als oft as sa monye mark land of our landis of Fedlallis dois endurand the tyme forsayd. And gif it sal happen the said Schir Jhone his ayris and subtenentis to failze in the payment of our said multur, herage, eringe and do service as said is, or in the payment of the Witsunday mail zeirly at Myldeemer, and of Mertimes mail at Sanctandrowis day, and that be reþpirit: in thir causis or ony of thame this our present assedatione to be of nane avail, bot expiȝt and annullit in the self, and we fre to dispone apon our said landis and tendis without ony impediment of the said Schir Jhone his ayris and subtenentis quatasueuer: Also we forsyd Abbot and Clement of Lundoris, be thir present letteris malkis, consentis and ordonis the forsyd honurable man, Jhone Striueling of the Keir knyght, oþr verray lawfull and endowit knyȝte of al and sindry



our landis of Feddallis, Estir, Westir and Beuy, with thair pertinentis, lyand within the schirefdome of Perth foirsaid, and our regalite of Lunderis, for al the dayis and termes of nyntene zeris nixt and immediat folowand the entres of the said Jhone to the said bailzery, quhilk sal be at Witsunday nixt and immediat folowand the dait of this write, and frathinfurth to endur ay and quhil the said nyntene zeris be fallely and to giddar completit and byrwn. Giffand, grauntand, and committand to our said bailze, and to his deputis aye or may, maid with owr consent, owr ful power, special mandement and charge, for ws and in owr name, owr cowrtis of al and sindry our said landis to fix, hald and afferm, fees and continew, als oft as neid beis and sal be sene expedient to our said bailze and his deputis aye or may as said is, transgressouris to pwneis, eschetis and amersiamentis of our said cowrtis to rais and wp lift, and to our wtilite and profit alanelry inbring, our tenentis inhabitantis, and seruandis quhatsumeuer of our said landis, and thair guldis arrestit or attechit befor quhatsumeuer juge or jugis, to the priuilege and fredome of our regalite courtis to replege, reduce and agane bring, and to the parteis plenzeand, courtis of justice to fix, day and place to assing, celeranthis and cawtion to fynd, and for our mailis, fernis, and deweteis of our said landis gif neid beis, at owr command to pwnd and strenze; and al and sindry other thingis to do exers and wso, at to the office of bailzery ar knawin to pertene, be law or consuetud of the realine, endurand the tyme forsrid. And forder gif the said Jhone sal happen to failze in tyme to cum in ony poynnis contenit in his obligation maid to ws, for the obserwing and keping of al poynnis and articulis contenit in the samayne, or in ony of the poynnis or articulis contenit in this our letter of bailzery, this our letter of bailzery in thi caissis to be of nane avail, bot frathinfurth expir in the self. For the quhilk office of bailzery and ministracion of justice to be done as said is, we the said Jhone Abbot and Conuent foirsaid grants and promittis faithfully to pay to our said bailze, in name of fee, be our charmerlane zeirly, twa markis w-sual monye of Scotland, at twa wsual termes in the zeir, Witsunday and Mertimes in winter, be evinly portionis alanelry: Haldand and for to hald ferm and stabil al and sindry thingis quhatsumeuer our said bailze and his deputis aye or may in the premissis dois, or of the law leidis to be done, endurand the tyme forsab. And we forsoith the said Jhone Abbot and Conuent foirsaid and our successouris sal warrant and aganis al deidly defend as law wil, the said landis and tenentis, and this our present assedation, in al poynnis and articulis abone writhin to the said Jhone his ayris and subtenentis foirsaid, endurand the tyme of nyntene zeris alanelry: In witness of al and sindry thingis abone writhin to thir our present letteris of assedation and bailzery we haif appensit our commyn seil, to giddar



with our subscriptionis manual, at Lundoris, the v day of October, in the zeir of God  
ane thowsand five hundreth thretty and twa zeiris.

JOHN Abbot of Lundoris.

JOHANNES Suppior eiusdem.

Georgius Bonar. Johannes Blair. Alexander Brown. Ricardus Burear. Wyllelmus  
Wekend. Wyllelmus Meffan. Georgius Quhy. Wyllelmus Mertul ad idem. Archibaldus  
Fyff. Alexander Wrycht. Alexander Richertson. Wyllelmus Crag. Gylibertus  
Merschell. Robertus Jameson. Jacobus Cursteris. Johannes Smyth. Andreas  
Wod. Andreas Lesly. David Orm. Thomas Vilson. Jacobus Kynloch. Johannes  
Zowng. Patricius Steil. Alexander Paterson.

SERVICE of Elizabeth Galbreth a. one of the nearest heirs of myquhile Thomas  
Galbreth, sometime Laird of Balkinbrocht, her brother, 7th October 1532.

135. CURIA Capitalis vicecomitatus de Strueling, tenta in pretorio eiusdem, septimo die  
mensis Octobris, Anno Domini, 1<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> xxxii, per notarium et potentem dominum Johanne  
m Dominum Erskin, vicecomitem eiusdem, et Thomam Portefield de Chapelton eius  
deputatum: Sectis vocatis, curia affirmata.

Assis. v.

James Halden of Glenegass, John Setone of Gargunmek, Schir James Forestar of  
Garden, knyght. Duncan Forestar of Culmore, Willian Levington of Kilsith, Walter  
Stewart of Cullieg, Tho mas Somerville of the Ples, Willian Fleming of Bori, Ryehard  
Lekky of that Ile, Willian Levingstoun, Walter Graduate, James Weir, Walter Lokart,  
John Forestar, John Gentilman.

The quhilk day, the said assis fand and deliuerit, that Elizbeth Gallreth is one of  
the sisteris of myquhill Thomas Galbreth, sanctyne lard of Balkinbrocht, and is one of  
the nerrest and lauchfull aris of hym, and secund sister in degré, and of lauchfull age.

This is the copy of the delyuerance of the assys abame vryttin in this mater, copyit  
owt of the Cowrt buk, apon the quhilk the ratour is to be maid.

JOHN LORD ERSKIN.

DECREE of the Lordis of Counsil referring the disputis between John Strueling of  
the Keir, Knight and John Kinross of Kippen ross and his son, to Arbiters  
19th July 1533.

136. At Edinburgh, the six day of July, the zeir of God 1<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> and xxiii zeiris. In presens



of the Lordis of Comsale vnderwrittin, that is to say, ane maist reuerend tader in God, Gawine Archibischope of Glasgw chaneclere, venerable faderis in God, Alexander Abbot of Cambuskyneth president, Robert Abbot of Kinloss, Maister Richert Bischell, Person of Askirk, Maister Henry Quhite, Person of Fynnevin, Maister George Kar, Provest of Dunglass, Maister William Gilscum, Dene of Restalrig, Maister James Foulis, Clerk of Registri, Johne Campbell of Lundy, knycht, Nicoll Craibrid of Oxingangis Justice Clerk, Maister Adame Otterburne of Auldhame, Admouster to oure souerane lord, Thomas Scott of Pergorme, Maister James Lanson, Provest of Edinburgh, and Maister Francis Bischell, burges of the samyn; Cooperit Johnne Striuling of the Keir, knycht, on that ane part, and James Kinross, sone and air apperand of Johnne Kinross of Kippanross, and Maister Henry Spittale, procuratour for the said lard of Kippanross, on that vther part, and baill, oblist and compromittit thame to abyde vnderly and fulfill the lard decrete and finall sentence of thir personis vnderwrittin, evinlie and conuenientie chosen betwix the saidis partiis, and jugis arbitouris, and amicable componitouris: Anent the conscience and grund ryght of ane decrete of recognisoun past ypon the baills of Lupnoch, as in ane summoneis for retreting of the said decrete of recognisoun of the saidis landis, raisit at the instance of the said Johnne Kinross of Kippanross, againis the said Johnne Striuling of the Keir, knycht, is comenit; and anent all vtheris actionis, debatis, querellis, and pleyis, that ony of the saidis partiis hes to allege ask or clame aganis vtheris in ony tyme bigane vnto the day of the daid herof, that is to say, venerable faderis in God, Alexander Abbot of Cambuskyneth, Robert Abbot of Kinloss, and ane noble and myghty lord, Johnne Lord Erskyn, and the said venerable tuleris hes presentlie takin the said matter in and ypon thame, and thai to convene with the said Lord Erskyn, and solist him, for the weill of baith the saidis partiis, to tak the matar ypon him, and assigne certane dayis and termis as thai sell think expedient to the partiis forsaldis, ilk one of thame to gif in thare clames, ryghtis, askingis, petitionis and desyrys that ony of thame hes to allege or say aganis vtheris in the said matter, and to persew and defend as accordis; and the jugis arbitouris forsaldis to be avisit thairwith, and thareafter to gif furth thair sentence in amicible wys, as thai sell think maist profittable and gudand for the wele of baith the saidis partiis betwix this and the feist of Sanctandro nixtorem; and quhat decrete and sentence salthappin to be geyvin be thame thareupoun, the samyn to haue effect and strenght of ane decrete of the Lordis of Comsale in tyme tecum, and the Kingis letteris to be ill of thairis to commandi and charge, compell and distrenze every ane of the saidis partiis for the fulfilling of thare part thareof in forme as afferis. Extractum de libro actuarum per me, Magistrum Jacobum Foulis, Clericum



Rotulorum Registri ac consilii supremi domini nostri Regis, sub eius signo et subscriptione manualibus.

JACOBUS FOULIS.

DISCHARGE by David Schaw of Causmoir to John Striueling of the Keir, Knight,  
19th November 1533.

137. I DAVID SCHAW of Camsmoir grants me fullely and compleitly payit, be Jhone Striueling of the Keir knycht, of the haill sowne of tua hundreth merkis, be hym awing to me, for payment of quhilikis he is actit in the Comiserris bewkis of the kingis Chapell Riall of Striueling, and the termes off payment timrof bipast: And als I haif result fra hym the sowne of four pund of th: Witsunday mades last bipast, of the xl schilling land of Arlquhillore, quhilik landis the said Johne remouit fra me; and nochthelis he promittit to gif me the said iiiij<sup>l</sup> in cais that he fulzeit in payment of the said iiij<sup>l</sup> merkis at the days contenit in the said act: quharfor I hald me weill contentit and compleitly payit of the said haill sowne of iiij<sup>l</sup> merkis, togidder with the said iiiij<sup>l</sup> of mares, and quitelames and dischargis the said Johne of the scutayn for euer, and will and consentis that the said act maid thairupon be destroyit anentis the payment of the saidis sownes. In witnes of quhilikis, I haif subscritte this acquittance and discharge with my hand, at the Keyr, the x day of November, the zere of God Jm V<sup>l</sup> threty thre zeris, befor thir witnes, George Schaw of Knockhill, James Kynloch of Row, James Schaw sone to the Lard of Knockhill, Thomas Leirnocht, Alexander Stewart, Jok Striueling, and Donald McGilwe, with vtheris diners.

DAWYD SCHAW wyth my hand.

Letter by King James V. to the Provosts, &c., of Glasgw and Dunbertane relative to the supply of wine to Dunbertane Castle, 4th April [1533?]

REX.

138. PROWEST, balzeis, aldermen and communitis of our cete and brugh of Glasgw and Dunbertane: Forsamekill as neidfull it is that our Castell of Dunbertane be fainist with wicuallis for the swrer keiping of the samyn, and als that furnisg of wynis be had therinto for our provissooun to be rady to ws and our cuming in tua partis: Our will is heirfor, and alswe requestis, reqwyris, and chargis zow and ilkene of zow, offficiaris forsaiddis, and all vtheris offficiaris present and to comen, out of the schipis marche men and prysis now cuming in zowr walter and beauchis, and seyk salutis our vtheris schipis of our legis or of strangeris [that comys within zowr [wanteris,] radios or



hyewynis with wynis, that ze inf[continent deliner] to William Stry[ueling of Glorat.] Cappytane of our said Castell, his Constabill, fa[ctouris by his com]and, thre or four townis of wyne of every schip that arryvis within zowr boundis, to be takin of the first and hale heid of euerie ilk schip of the best sort of wynis, as he sal think nesesar and expedient for provisoun and furnessing our selff and our said Castell, and that he be first answerit therof befor any otheris: He payng to zow, or to the merchandis quham to the saidis wynis pertenis, sielyk and als neckill for the samin, as ze pay for the reminent offring to the part that he exceppis and reseruis therof: And this ze do as ze will do ws plesor; and vnder all the hiest pane and chargis that after may follow: Subseruunt with our hand at Stirngeling the ferd day of Aprile, and of our regune the zeir.

JAMES R.

RATIFICATION by King James V. to George Stirling of Glorat, of the office of Constable of Dumbarton Castle. 13th April 1534.

REX.

139. WEE having consideration of the thankfull and true service done to us and our maist noble father be unquhill William Stirling of Glorat and his father; and that the said William is crewelly slain the last Good-Friday acting for us direct in our chaire and service; be thir presents ratifies and approves to George Stirling his sone and air, the letter of assedation of the constabulry and keeping of our house and castle of Dumbartan, with all lands profits and embounents pertaining thereto, grantit and given by us to the said William and his airs, for certain years contained thereinto; and wills he bruik the somen after the tenor thereof, he serving us truely in the said office: Subscrived with our hand att Stirliug, the thirtein day of Aprile, and of our reigne the twenty-first year.

JAMES R.

LETTER by King James V. to George Stirling of Glorat, thanking him for his service done to the King. 21st May 1534.

REX.

140. TRUST and well beloved friend, we greet you heartily well: and has understand by our secretar, and James Wallace, Pursevant, the bearer, your diligence and good service due to us att this time, whereby ye could have done us moe greater pleasour, wherefor we thank you greatly, praying you to continew in your diligence and good service in time coming: Likewise the said James will inform you, as ye will report



our speciall thanks and reward, and doe us singular emplesour: Subscrive with our hand and under our signet, att Dundee, the twenty first day of May, and of our reigne the twenty first year.

JAMES REX.

WARRANT by King James V. to the Captain, Constable, and Keepers of his Castle of Dumbertane, to set Walter Grahame at liberty, 27th June 1534.

REX.

141. CAPITANE, Constable, and Keperis off our Castell of Dumbertane. It is our will and we charg you, that incontinent after the synt herof, ye deliver and put to fredome Walter Grahame, now bound in ward wythin our said Castell, to pass at his liberte quhar he plesis: ye keperis this wrytynge for your warnynge: Giffyng under our signet, and subscrivit wyth our hand, at our Castell off Striueling, the xxvii day of Junii, and of our regne the xxi yere.

JAMES R.

SIGNATURE by King James V. to John Striueling of the Keir, of the lands of Kippenedawy, 18th January 1535.

142. OURE Souerane Lord ordynis ane charter of confirmation to be maid vnder his grete sele in the mare forme, Reffydand, approuand, and for his hienes and successoris perpetually confirmand the charter mad to John Crichtoun of Rwanis to John Striueling of the Keir, knyght, his aris and assigndis, off all and shadry his landis of Kippenedawy with the pertinentis, land within the Shiredomme of Perth in excaudion with certane vtheris his landis, lyand in the barony of Toshadoun, within the Shiredomme of Striueling, contenit in vtheris euidentis mad to the said John Striueling thairpme, for the said John Striuelingis landis off the Monis of Megill Brewland, Symmeland, and dewiteis of the samyn, with all thair pertinentis lyand within the said Shiredomme of Perth, that is to say, the saidis landis of Kippenedawy, to be baillie of oure Souerane Lord and his successors, as at mair leuth is contenit in the said chartir of excaudion maid thairpme. So laland to his hienes and successors, ryghtis and service of the saidis landis of Kippenedawy and Toshadoun, with thair pertinentis to be ewictit, recognisit or remembred fra the said John Striueling, his aris or assigndis, in any w[ay] securitie or tenement, or prently beke and pris the samyn, be vertue of the saidis chartirs and instrumentis maid to hym thairpme, in that his oure Souerane Lord willis and grantis, and for his hienes and successors, decessoris and caldis that



the said Jhon Striuling, his airis and assignais, sall haif full and fre regress and ingress to the saidis landis of the Manis of Megyil, with all thereo pertinentis forsaidis, and now as than, and than as now ressauis, admittis, ratifis and apprevis thaim heretabill tenentis to his iienes thareof; to be haddin of his grace and successoris in sielyk maner, and for sielyk seruice, as the said John Striuling held the samdyn of befor the said excaubium allanerly; and that preceptis be directit ordourly herypone: Subseruicte be our souerane lord, at Striueling, the xviii day of Januar, the zeir of God 1<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> xxv zeiris.

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[Dorsō.]

JA. COLVILLE.

GEORGII Thesaurarius Abirdonensis.

PRECEPTE OF SASINE by William Levingstoun of Kilsyth for infesting Janet Striueling of Cadder in the lands of Bankeir, etc., 9th November 1537.

143. WILLELMUS LEVINGSTOUN de Kilsyth, dilectis meis Thomae Broun senieri, Thomae Broun juniori, Patricio Watsoni, Thomae Atzing, balliis meis in hac parte, coniunctua et diaisia, specialiter constitutis. Salutem: Quia duo brenia supremi domini nostri Regis, sub testimonio sui magni sigilli inclusa, in debita forma cancellarie michi presentata sunt, quorum vnum in se mentionem continet, quod Colinus Campbell de Auchinhowye, superior immediatus terrarum de Bankeir et Brouzet cum pertinentiis, jacentium in comitatu de Levenox infra vicecomitatum de Striueling, per diuersa precepta et mandata cancellarie supremi domini nostri Regis, requisitus fuit ad dandum sasnam dictarum terrarum de Bankeir et Brouzet, Jonete Striueling de Cadder vel suis actornatis, et eisdem minime obediuit: Aliud vero breue dictae cancellarie proportans, quod dictus Colinus, superior immediatus memorare Jonete terrarum de Kirkmychall et Blanarne, jacentium in dicto comitatu infra vicecomitatum de Dumbertane, per diuersa precepta et mandata dictae cancellarie, ad dandum sasnam prefatae Jonete dictarum terrarum de Kirkmychall et Blanarne sumiliter requisitus etiam minime obediuit: Et propterea quia prenominate terre per diuum Collum de me immediate tenentur in capite, ne requirendo sasnam predictarum terrarum prefatae Jonete tradere et deliberares, sicut jure cuiuslibet: prout in hujusmodi brevibus michi directis plenius continetur: Ego igitur,



dictis breuibus siue preceptis regis parere volens ut teneor. Vobis et vestrum cuiilibet, coniunctem et diuisim, balliuis meis in hae parte, firmiter precipio et mando quatenus visis presentibus, indilatc accedatis seu alter vestrum accedat ad predictas terras . . . et ibidem statim sasinam hereditariam, et possessionem corporalem, actualem et realem omnium et singularum prefatarum terrarum suprascriptarum cum pertinenciis, dictae Jonete Striueling de Cadler, vel suo actornato latori presentium, per deliberationem terrarum et lapidum funitorum corundem ut moris est, juste haberi faciatis et deliberaatis, secundum tenorem antique sue infeudationis; et huc nullo modo mittatis: Ad quod faciendum vobis et vestrum cuiilibet, coniunctem et diuisim, meam plenariam et irrevocabilem tenore presentium committo potestationi: In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus est appensum, vnaeum mea subscriptione manuali, apud Faulkirk, nono die mensis Nouembris, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo septimo, coram his testibus, Johanne Striueling de Keer miltri, Thoma Leirmoirth, Alexandro Levingstoun, Jacobo Henderstoun, Willelmo Peirsone, Johanne Leis, Thomas Makcorrane et domino Alexandro Robesoun capellano ac notario publico, cum diuersis aliis.

WELZE LEUTINGSTON of kylyst wt my hand.

GIFT by King James V. to John Striueling of the Keire, Knight, of the escheat of unquhile Colin Campbell of Auchinhowe, 18th December 1537.

144. JAMES, be the grace of God King of Scottis. To oure Shireff of Striueling and his deputis, and to our leutis  
messingeris, oure Shireffis in that part, coniunctlie and seueralie, specialie constitute,  
Greting. Witt ze ws to haue gevin and grantit, and be thir our letteris, gevis and  
grantis, to oure louit Johnne Striueling, of the Keire, knyght, his airis and assig-  
nais, ane or ma, all and spidry the gudis movabill, drittis, of ligationis, actionnis, takkis,  
stedingis, cornis, catall and vthiris quhatsunever, quhilikis pertenit to vnguill Colyn  
Campbell of Auchinhowe, and now pertenyng to ws, and being in our handis be  
resoun of eschete, throw the convicting and justifying of the said Colyne in the  
Justice Court haldin in our tolbuthe of Elinburgho, befor our Justice and his deputis  
the xv day of November, the zeire of God Jm VI: xxxvij zeris, be ane assise, for art  
and part of the cruell slaughteris of vnguill Alane Hammiltoun of Bardow, Robert  
Striueling of the Lettir, and Alane Striueling of Bollindroch, and being at our horne  
for the said slaughteris; Exceptand the cruell, crull and gyllis in commitit with, be our  
cousing, Johnne Lord Erskin, our Shireff of Striueling befor within our said shiref-  
dom of Striueling, becaus he les intraynit therewith, and les promist to inbring



the samyne to our vse: . . . . Quharfore, we charge straitlie, and commandis zow our said Shireff of Striueling, and zour deputis, and vthiris, our officiaris, Shireffis in that part forsaidis, to serche and seik the saidis eschete guidis, dettis, takkis, obligatiounis, actionnis, and vthiris, as said is, quhatsumever, quharever thai can be apprehendit, except befor exceptit, and mak the said Johnne Striueling, his airis and assignais forsaid, be thankfully, pait and obeyit tharof, and gif neid beis, to poynt, compell, and distriuze, the withhalldaris tharof for the samyne, thare landis and guidis as efforis: The quhilk to do we committ to zow, coniunctie and severarie, our full power, be thir our letteris, delivering thane be zow deule execute and indorsate agane to the berar. Gevin vnder oure priuie seal, at Edinburgh, the xvij day of December, the zeire of God, Jm V: xxxvij zeris, and of oure regne the xxv zeire.

Per Signaturam manu Supremi Domini Nostri Regis subscriptam.

RETOUR of George Striueling of Gloret, as heir of his Father William Striueling of Gloret, in the lands of Eister Gloret and Wester Gloret, 15th January 1537.

145. HEC Inquisitio facta fuit in pretorio burgi de Striueling, eorum nobili domino, Johanne Domino Erskin, vicecomite de Striueling, et Roberto Bruce ipsius deputato eiusdem, decimo quinto die mensis Januarii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo septimo, per hos honorabiles viros, Johannem Striueling de Kere militem, Robertum Bruce de Artht, Theonam Somerville de Plane, Alexandrum Drummond de Carnok, Jacobum Bruce, Robertum Bissat de Querrell, Richardum Lekky de colein, Johannem Cragingelt de endem, Alexandrum Levingstoun de Terenderane, Johannem Levingstoun de Mauersteune, Daniil Levingstoun de Dawlerss, Willelmum Crawford de Hanyng, Duncanum Forestar de Culmore, Alexandrum Levingstoun de Grugfut, et Johannem Douglas in Sauchy: Qui jurati dicunt, quod quondam Willelmus Striueling de Gloret, pater Georgii Striueling de Gloret, latoris presentium, obiit ultimo vestitus et sasitus, ut de feodo, ad pacem et fidem supremi domini nostri Regis, de omnibus et singulis terris de Estir Gloret et Westir Gloret, cum turri et manerio earundem, salua et excepta tercia parte septiminarum partium dictarum terrarum de Estir et Westir Gloretis, que olim pertinebat quondam Marjorie Hepburn hereditarie; neconon de superioritate omnium et singularium terrarum de Estir Baldoren, que olim pertinebat hereditarie Waltero Stewart, cum debitis et servituis ac omnibus suis partimentis, jacquibus nunc infra vicecomitatum de Striueling: Et [quod] dictus Georgius est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Willelmi patris sui, de dictis terris turre manerio et



superioritate eum suis pertinentiis, exceptis per prius exceptis. Et quod est legitime etatis: Et quod dicta terra de Westir Gloret, cum turre et manerio eamulenti, exceptis per prius exceptis, et dicta terra de Estir Baldoren, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, non valent per annum viginti libras vinalis manerio regni Scotie, et tempore pacis novem libras xiiii s. x d. dicta moneta: et quod dicta terra de Estir Gloret cum pertinentiis, exceptis prius exceptis nonne valent per annum decem libras, et in tempore pacis quatuor libras xiiii s. x d. dicta moneta: sit quod moneta per nominata terra de Estir et Westir Gloretis, cum turre et manerio eamulenti, exceptis per prius exceptis, et omnes et singula terra de Estir Baldoren, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, tenentur de Mathew Comite de Lennox, de modo sequente, videlicet, dicta terra de Westir Gloret, cum turre et manerio eamulenti, exceptis per prius exceptis, et omnes et singula dicta terra de Estir Baldoren, cum suis pertinentiis, in aliud firmam, residinge pro eiusdem amicitudin, dicto comiti et heredibus suis, unum demaria arzent, quam dictum manerium in festo Pentecostes, nomine alterius, si pertinet; et predictis terris de Estir Gloret, exceptis per prius exceptis, dicto comiti et heredibus suis, residendo annuadim tres, secundas enre ad tria placita capitalia dicti condituras de Lennox, nomine Ward et reliqui tantum, pro omni alio onere, &c. Et quod omnes et singula dicta terra de Estir Gloret, Westir Gloret, cum turre et manerio eamulenti, exceptis per prius exceptis, et omnes et singula dicta terra de Estir Baldoren, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, fuerint in membris supremi dominii nostri Regis, a decessu quendam Johannis Comitis de Lennox, usque ad diem Sancti Mathei Apostoli ultimam eiusdem ante diem dicta presentiam, per spatium undecem annorum vel et circa, ratione Wardi dicti comitatus, et ab dicto die Sancti Mathei, ad quem dictus Mathew Comites de Lennox fuit etatis viginti unius annorum, et intravit ad predictum suum comitatum, fuerint in membris suis ratione nonintrebus, in defectu veri heredis suis suorum, usque ad ministrum prosequentis. In eniis iurisditionis testimonium sigilla quorumcum e cum quod dicta iurisditioni intererant ficiemur, ut acum brevi capelle regie intus clauso, sub inclusione sigilli dicti vicecomitis presentibus sunt appensa, anno, die, mense, et loco quibus supra.

INDENTURE between John Struelling of the Keir, Knight, and Patrick Monteith, son and heir of uniuersitatis James Monteith of Baitlo, 8th May 1568.

146. TUTA Endenturis madd at Edinburgh, the viii day of May, the yair of God 1568 V, the day next to this, proprieis, enuiseis and facis leal and suffisant witnessing in the self: That it is appoyntit, eourauctit and tyndit, by the hertif Johne Struelling of the Keir knyght, on that aue part, Patrick Monteith, son and heir of uniuersitatis James Monteith of Baitlo,



on that vther part, as followis, that is to say: That the said Patrik sal instantle mak sufficient lett-ris of procuratoriis to the said Johne, making him, or vtheris quham plesis the said Johne to nemme, his lauchful procuratoriis to reis breves of our souerane lordis chapell for the said Patrik, to mak him be enterit and somit of his landis of Cailzemyk, lyand within the stewartry of Menteith and shirefblone of Pertat, and thairefter recouer saising to him of the samin, be actornais to be rasit inlikwyis furth of our souerane lordis chancellarie: and also to resigne the saidis landis of Cailzemyk with the pertinentis in the handis of our souerane lord the Kingis grace, or thame havand powar to ressaue the said resignation, in fauer of quhamie sail pleis the said Johne, heretablie to remane with thame: And that the said Johne sal do his diligence to get the samin spel and done betuix and Myehalmes nixtocum, or within  $\frac{xx}{x}$  dayis thaireftir: For the quhilkis resignation and alienation to be maid to quhamie the said Johne plesis of the saidis landis, he sal content and pay to the said Patrik the sovme of ane hundreit frankis franche money, within ane monicht after the said resignation and alienation, and sail caus Maister Thomas Mariotybankis, or vtheris merchandis of Edinburcht, answier the said Patrik thaireftir in the realme of Fransie at tyme forsaide, the said Patrik than deliuerand quhat vtheris evidentis and securiteis of the said alienation of the saidis landis to quham plesis the said Johne, necessar and sufficient for the securite: In witnes heirof baith the saidis Johne and Patrik hes subscriuit thir indenturis in dowble forme, at Edinburcht, day and zeir abone writtin, befor thir witnes, Thomas Leirnoith, Schir Henry Fyngask, James Henriesone, William Peirsone, Thomas Byschop, and Jaunes Bannatyne notaris publicet, with vtheris divers.

PATRIK MENTEITH of Ratho with my hand on the pen.

JACOBUS BANNATYNE testatur per [hee] scripta se inter testes ad premissa requisitum fuisse.

Ita est THOMAS BYSCHOP notarius publicus in premissis testis, de mandato dicti Patrici Menteith ipso nesciente scribere, premissa approbans: teste manu mea propria.

[Dorsو.]

Vltimo die mensis Januarii, anno Domini 1<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> xl<sup>o</sup>: Monitus est Patricius Menteith restroscriptus, ex sua propria confessione, ad perimpta et obseruanda omnia et singula contenta in retroscripta indentura, Jacobo Striuling, filio et heredi quondam Joannis Striuling de Keir militi, in omnibus suis punctis et articulis, in termis in eadem indentura contentis, sub pena excommunicacionis: Neconu approbavit, ratificauit, et recognovit retroscriptam indenturam, et affirmauit eandem, manu sua tangente penam subscriptorum notariorum retroscriptorum.



INDENTURE between John Striueling of the Keir, Knight, and David Ramsay of Collauthe, 9th March 1538.

147. THIS ENDENTURE made at Edinbright, the nynt day of Marche, the zeir of God 1<sup>o</sup> V. xxxviii yeris, propertis and heris witness in the self; that it is appoyntit and agreeit betuix honorable men, John Striueling of the Keir knyght, on the tyme part, and David Ramsay of Collauthe on the other part, in maner and effect as efter followis, that is to say. The said David be his charter and precept for saising in dew forme of alienation, sall annalie to the said John heretabilie, his five merk land and extent of Brookland Kinloicht, with thair pertinents, lyand in the stewartry of Menteith and shirefdomme of Perth, vnder his sole and subscription manuell, to be haddin of our souerane Lord, siclike as the said David held the samin of befor: on the quhilk alienation the said John sall rae our souerane Lordis confirmation on his awin cost and expensis, and als the said David for him his aris, executors, and assignis, and for all vtheris b- him or throw his ryght may clame interes thereto, exoneris, quietatis, and dischargis the said John Striueling, his aris, executors, and all vtheris that throw him or at his comand hes intromettit or occipiit the said five merk land, instie or iniustie in ony tyme bigane, befor the doit h- of, and for all intrometting and vpaking of the maleis profitis and deuoteis therof be the said tyme rae space, and exoneris him and thame of the samin for enire: And atture, the said David sall rae and giff sufficient letteris of powar to the said John his aris and assignis in sufficient forme, to follow and persew James Kinloicht, sonne to vnaquhile John Kinloicht in Rowis, for all soymes of money awing be the said James to the said David for the by rauis inales of the saidis five merk land, and to imbring the samin to the said John his aris and assignis vse, to remane with him and thame, of all yeris and termes bipart: And also to call the said James, in name and behalfe and at the instance of the said David, befor quairsum-eir juge or jugeis that plesis the said John, to here decernit and declarit that the assedation of lifent allegit be the said James to pertene to him, be ony letteris or cyclatis grantit or givin to him or his said vnaquhile fader, be vnaquhile Jonete of Kinloicht, grandame to the said David, or be him self, to be of name evile force nor effect, throw the nocht dilling of certeine pouynts and condicions, and nicht payng to the said David of the inales of the foirsaidis landis, after the tenour of an instrument takin thairupon in the handis of William Rutherford notar publick, or be ony other ryghtis or ressais that may be per- with the said David, or in his name and behalfe, for aspyring or anidilling of the said James pursyd allegit assedation, to the effect that gif the samin may be instie be ony maner of way aspyring or anidillit, that the samin may be



led and done to the entent that the said John may set and dispone the saidis landis at his plesour: For the quhilikis alienation and wheris causis abone writhin the said John Striueling soll content and pay to the said David his aris, executouris, and assignais, within tua mon-icht etir the daft heirof, the summe of fourtene scoir of merkis vsuale money of this realme and soll be actit in the officiellis bakis of Lothian, and caus ane noble and mychyl lord William Lord Ruthven as cautioner for him and with him, coniunctie and generalie, vnder pena of cursing for payment of the said summe to the said David within the tyme abone writhin, and to the aris, executouris, and assignais of the said David, and als the said David silbe inlykwyis actit in the semin officiellis bakis under the semin pane, for observing and fulfilling of the premisis to the said John his aris and assignais: Exceptand the said David his aris and assignais sal necht be heldin to warrand to the said John his aris nor a-signais the talkis and asselution of the saidis landis with thair pertinantis, set be the said David or be his said vngaphile grandame, to the said vngaphile John Kinficht, or to the said James his sonne, nor in lykwyis the five zeris takis of the saidis landis set be the said David to Ninian Sotoun of Tulyboby knyght alerrie: And als the said John and Lord Ruthven sal caus James Young burges of Edinbrught, and taillizing of him one vther burges of the said bricht respon-sall, to be actit with thame in the saidis officiellis bakis, coniunctie and generalie, vnder the pane foysaid, for payment of the said summe of fourtene scoir of merkis, at day abone specifit, and the said David soll deliver his said instrument vnder the signe of the said William Rutherford to the said John Striueling, of the said James oblysing for expyrring of the said asselution, in als he ralizis a payment of the matus of the saidis landis as is befor writhin, to the offet of the said John may persew the semin, and soll coneur for helpe of the said John thirwante: In witness of the quhilikis, baith the saidis partiis heis subseruient other part of this entouris with thair handis, day, zeir and place abone writhin, befor thir witness, Maister Henry Balueis, Maister David Ramsay, Maister David Balfour, Thomas Leirneith, James Hendersone and Thomas Bischop nottar publict, with vtheris divers.

JOHN STRIUELING of the Keir wt my hand.

DAVID RAMSAY of Culathe.

Die decimo tertio mensis Meriti anno Domini 1<sup>o</sup> VI<sup>o</sup> xxxviii: Prescriptus Johannes Striueling de Keir miles nonitus est, ex sua propria confessione, sub pena excommunicacionis, submittens se inrisuacioni nostro in hac causa, ad peremptio[n]em et observandam emulam et singula contentia in prescripto instrumento, in singulis suis punctis et articulis, secundum factum et tenorem causam. Insuper prefatus David Ramsay de Culathie nonitus est ut supra, ad peremptio[n]em et observandam prescriptum instrumentum in-



singulis suis punctis et articulis, secundum terminum iussum, infra quindecim diess post-  
quam summa duecentarum et octuaginta monachorum in prescripta invenitura contenta  
fuerit sibi plenarie persoluta, per alium Joannem Striuling de Keir militem.

EDUARDUS DIKSON notarius publicus manu sua.

DISCHARGE by David Ramsay of Collurie to John of Striuling of the Keir, Knight,  
22nd May 1539.

148. I DAVID RAMSAY of Collurie grantis me to haf resaunt fr: Thomas Leirmonth, in nome  
and behalfe of Ioham: of Striuling of the Keir Knaylt, his maister, the sowne of Sex  
seoir of pundis, vsualle money of Scotland, in safer of payment of the sowne of fourtene  
seoir of merkis be hyn awing to me, as in ane contract maid b: unit vs therapon at  
man lyndit is contentit: And tharfor quittances and dischargis the saill Ioham of the  
said sowne of sex seoir of pundis, his airis executouris and assygnais, for me my airis  
executouris and assygnais for now and eir, be this my acquittance subseruitt with my  
hand at Kingorn, the xxii day of May, the xiiij: of God I: V: xxxix yoris, b: abir thir  
witnes, Charles Geddes, Emenidass Gourlay, Bernerd Oliphant, and David Balfour,  
with vtheris divers.

DAVID RAMSAY.

DECREE by the Official of Glasgow, at the instance of George Striuling of Glore,  
against George Buchquhanan of that Ilk, 14th April 1539.

149. CRISTI Nomine Inuocato: Nos Iohannes Sprak, Canonici ecclesi: metropolitane  
Glasgu:nsis, ac commissarius venerabilis et egregii viri Magistri Ade Crichtonem,  
Canonici etiam dictae ecclesie Glasguensis ac Officiale sacerdotem Generalis: Ita ex parte  
in quadam causa metu inter Georgium Striuling de Glore, veterem, ab una, et  
Georgium Buchquhanan de eccl:em, reum, partibus ab altera: penes contenta in  
libello ipsius Georgii Striuling, in quo assertis quod ipse habuit, nomine et mandato  
serenissimi principis Jacobi Scotorum Regis moderni, Walterum Buchquhanan,  
fratrem germanum ipsius Georgii, et corsa custodii in Castro de Dunbarton, in  
carcere, wlg: le ward, et prout ipse Walterus erat prius in huiusmodi castro in carcere-  
tus, tempore decessus quoniam Willielmi Striuling, clavis Capitelii de Dunbar, a ne  
patriis ipsius Georgii actoris: Item quod pro fr: Georgius libellatus persoluere et  
deliberare premit sibi Georgii libellanti, pro esculentis et postulentis dantibus et minis-  
trantibus sibi Waltero, quod modi contigit: quodnam Walterum remanere in castro in  
huiusmodi castro cum ipse libellentis pro esculentis et postulentis videlicet, quodlibet



die duos solidos monete Scacis. quilibet s. pimeris seu oblongis libelli s. libellis monete: Ne non vita premissa ipse libellus noster possidere et dellatur premissis sibi libellis, dicitur illis a me, per quilibet die unius quartae partis annis, quod datus Walterus natus fuit etiam s. libelli s. libellis quoniam Willm. pater ipsius libelli natus, cui ipse libellus es liber: in qua quartae parte anni datus Walterus etiam etiam s. libelli s. libellis cum dicto quoniam Willm. natus cum eadem sustentatus in esidentibus et percurrentibus: Ita quod datus Georgius illi aliis s. s. habuit per se, et s. s. eius nomine et numeris prefatum Walterum in esidentibus et percurrentibus in aliis, in easter, a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangelis vili libelli s. libellis die mensis Septembris, in anno Domini etc. quingentesimo xxvii, aut circiter: Ita qd. l. promissi non escentibus, datus Georgius illi aliis solutionem et deliberationem diorum solidorum monete, dicitur et quilibet die a pointe time mensis Septembris, in anno Domini etc. quingentesimo xxvii, usque primum Septembris, in anno Domini etc. quingentesimo xxvii, ut solutionem et deliberationem diorum solidorum dicitur et quilibet die unius quartae partis anni illi Georgius libellanti estipavit et recessu liber regas nos, ut in dicto libello ad placita continuatur: Viso huiusmodi libello, responsione datus Georgii eti in eadem, fitiscomi statim desuper fere: sis etiam testimonia de postulatis, super illis libelli predictis, contra quorum dicta nichil exaltero apud sicut tuorat: viso etiam quodam instrumento sub signo et subscriptione notariales datus Georgii Roberti notarii publici, exteris que cause meritis, post libellum s. libellis et s. libellis, Deo pro consulis labores per hanc restrain sententiam definitum, quoniam etiam in his scriptis postulatis decoramus, et sententialiter et consensu publicus predictum fecerimus illi libellum in duobus solidis tunc metu distinximus et quilibet die a pointe time mensis Septembris, in anno Domini etc. quingentesimo xxvii, usque primum etiam mensis Septembris, in anno Domini etc. quingentesimo xxvii, pro s. libellis etiam s. libellis of postulatis ut supra solutus illi Georgii libellanti ratione qui supra, inter tres causas: Preptores absolucionis ipsius Georgium libellorum et causis per notarium libelli ipsius Georgii libellantis prece possumus et in causa absolvuntur: C. libellando ipsius Georgium libellum in expensis suis congruis taxatione reservata: L. et. lata et in scriptis promulgatis h. e. nostre sententia definitio in presentia ipsius Georgii eti, eadem enim instantie fieri possumus, apud Glasgow die xlii. mensis Aprilis, anno Domini etc. quingentesimo xxvii.

John. x. B. B. B.



DECREE of Bastardy pronounced by William [Chisholme] Bishop of Dunblane, against Elizabeth Buchquhaman and Griffy Buchquhaman, 23rd September 1539.

150. CRISSI Nomine Invocato: Nos Willielmus Dei et apostolice sedis gratia, Episcopus Dunblanensis, iudicexque cause et portulatis infestiscriptis, pro tribunali sententes in quodam causa bastardie, per honorabiles personas, Margareta in Buchquhaman et Iacobus Buchquhaman, filias naturales loxiformes et hec dies honorabilis quoniam vivi. Patricii Buchquhaman de Lany, et Willielma Lek juniorum, sponsum dictae Margarete, et Mauritiam McNawchtane, sponsum dicti Jenete, pro eorum interesse, actores ab una, econtra et aduersis Elizabeth Buchquhaman et Egidiam Buchquhaman, filias naturales dicti quondam Patricii, et Andream Murray, sponsum dicti Elizabeth, et Alexandrum Stewart, sponsum prefatae Egidie, pro eorum interesse, nos partibus ab altera: eorum nobis judicialiter ventilatae et censentes, amplius prius pertinent predictarum petitiones, responsione allegacionibus testium et quodlibet, certisque iuribus hinc inde productis per nos prius visis, auditis, intellectis, riteatis, et ad plenum discussis, iuxta ea que vidimus, audiimus et conceperimus, juris ritorna communem consilio et sententi, quibus fideliem fieri fecimus relationem in ecclesie, salutem Deum pre oculis habentes, eiusque a mente sanctissima primus iudicatus per hunc nostrum sententiam diffinitum, quae formis in his scriptis: Procedimus, decernimus et declaramus dictas Elizabeth et Egidiam Buchquhamanis libellatas filias naturales inter dictum predictum Patricium et Margaretam Buchquhaman procreatas, nullo constante matrimonio inter eosdem quondam Patricium et Margaretam Buchquhaman sicutem legitimo, illegitimas et bastardas; et propterea inhabiles ad successiunculam hereditatis paternae, videlicet, dicti quondam Patricii Buchquhaman de Lany et rum patris, prout ex dubiis et productis eorum nobis legitime probatum existit, e inde eprendere fore et combaginari debere, prout condemnamus, allegatis pro parte dictarum Elizabeth et Egidie Buchquhamanis Andream Murray et Alexandri Stewart, earam sponsum, pro eorum interesse, in contrarium minime obstantibus: Dictosque Elizabeth et Egidiam Buchquhamanis, Andream Murray et Alexandrum Stewart, pro eorum interesse, in expensis in lite factis et fieriis eadem nostra sententia condicimmo, ipsarum tamen expensarum taxatione nostro iudicio in posterum reservata: Leta lata et in scriptis promulgata fuit hec nostra sententia diffinitiva in ecclesia nostra cathedrali Dunblanensi loco, consistoriali eiusdem, vicesimo tertio die auctis 5 Septemberis anno Domini millesimo quinquecentesimo trigesimo nono, in die festi dominica tertii menses, et sicutissim in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Pauli, domina prouidentia pape tertii, anno quinto: ad instantiam domini Jacobi Dunbarri, procuratoris dictarum Margarete et Jenete, et



suorum sponsorum, et in penam covenantie Roberti Leymonth, procuratoris dictarum Elizabeth et Egidie, et eorum sponsorum, legitime citati, vocati, et non coniurantis. In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium premissorum, has literas nostras testificatorias seu testimoniales exinde fieri fecimus, et per notarium publicum subscriptum, scribam nostre curie, subscribi et publicari mandamus, sigilliisque nostri rotundi appensione jussimus et fecimus communiri, cum cibitatione nostram Davidum usum, die mense et anno quibus supra. Presentibus illi in circumspectis et discretis viris, dominis et magistris Johanne Chisholme, archidiacono nostre ecclesie cathedralis Dunblaneensis, Jacobo Wilsoni canonico eiusdem, Stephano Culross, vicario de Fyntra, Williame Moresone, notariis publicis, et Davida Gorlby presbyteris, testibus ad premissa vocatis atque rogatis.

Et ego Andreas Sym, presbyter Sanctiandree diocesis, seca autoritate apostolica, notarius publicus, &c.

ANDREAS SYM Pbr.

PROCURATORY by Margaret Baquhanane, eldest daughter and one of the heirs of umquhile Patrick Baquhanane of Lany, with consent of her spouse, to obtain her served heir of her father. 27th October 1539.

151. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris. Me Mergrat Baquhanane, eldest doichtare, and ane of the aris of umquhile Patrik Baquhanane of Lany, with consent and assent of William Lok my spouse, to have maid, constitute, and ordainit, and be thir presentis, makis, constitutis and ordinis honorable men and my wellbelouitis, Maisteris Abraham Creecheton, Provost of Dunblane, Thomas Maristerbankis, Burges of Edinbricht, Seair James Blaikwool, Vicare of Stronow, and Thomas Bischop, and ilkane of thame conuentie and seuerale my leachinill procuratoris, actouris, factouris, and speciale erand beras, for me and in my name to require, ask and ressue fra the prior subprior and convent of the fraris predicatoris besyde the bricht of Struelling, and fra all utheris personis, all letteris, evidencis and wrytis being in their handis: togidder with areschip gudis quhilks pertenit to my said umquhile fader, and be ressone forsaid now perteynyng or may perteine to me, and for reconering thair of, thame to call and compell befor quhatsemeyr juge spirital or temporale noddill thereto: And als for me and in my name to compell befor the Seair of Perel, or his deputis, at the Court hill of Skone, the first day of Octobar nextmonie, or at quhatsemeyr utheris dayis or places noddill in the hame of eins, to the quhilk last day of Octobar, the breves of inquest of eure souerain Lorde chappell haif may be me, as ane of the aris of



my said vngylle fader, ar proclamit to be servit and thair to persow my saidis breves in all poyntis, and desyre me to be entit as ane of the xris of my said vngylle fader of all landis, annell rentis, possessiounis and heretagiis that he deit last vestit and saisit of, after the tenour of my clames to be givin in thairupon befor the said Schiref or his deputis, and inquest to be chasid for servyng of my saidis breves, and the sumin to desyre to be put to daw execution in all poyntis, and to persow and follow thame be all proces and curiouer of law that is requyrit. Likewise testioun to mak, the aift of suithastis to swair, my assent to execis, wrightis, witnessis, previs and documents to produce and leid, and aganis me producit and led to except and haing a. actis, instrumentis, recordis, letteris of actornais, and preceptis of saisid, and all vtheris documentis and letteris necessary thairupon to lift, ask and rais, and be vertew thereof stait saisid and possessioun of all landis, annell rentis and heretagiis that I be servit of til ask and ressae in my name. And generalie all and sicheye uther thingis to do, exerce, haue and vse, that to the office of procuratory in sic casis, of law or constitude of this realm is knowin to pertene, and that I mycht do my self and I war personalle present. Ferme and stable bairland and for to leid all and quhat maner thingis my saidis procuratouris or day of thame comandis and generallie in the premissis longfullie ledis to be don, vntir the paine and obis of all my gulis myrable and vnmouable, present and to come. In witness of the quhilk thing, to thair my leitoris of procuratory, subscribed with my hand led on the pen of the Nether following, my proper Sele is affixit, togidler with the Sele and subscription of my said spous in like manner, in takin of his consent and assent at Glasgow the xxii day of October, the year of God I<sup>o</sup> VI: xxxix yers, befor thair wittis, Thomas Laimoth, Thomas Brown, Andro Perthe, Thomas Atzing, and Schir Alexander Velsone, chaplaine, with utheris diuers.

MARGARET BOOTHANNAN, wyth my hand on the pen.

WILLIAM LOK, with my hand on the pen.

Ita est Iohannes Bridyne notarius publicus in premissis representatus, de mandatis  
dictorum Margarete et Vilhelmi ipsis nescientibus scribere premissa approbantibus,  
teste manu propria.

CHARTER by Alexander Master of Hume, with consent of George Lord Hume, his father, and of his curators, to John Hume, of the lands of Innerallong, 24th August 1541.

152. OMNIBUS hanc certaini visuris vel auditoris. Alexander Magister de Hume ac dominus  
familianum, et Georgius Dominus de Hume dominus illius et regis collecti in  
i... .



Salutem in Domino sempiternam: Quia alias omnes et singule terre dominii de Hume et Innerallone, cum molendino eamdem, cum tenentibus tenandriis et liberetatem opium seruicis eamdem et suis pertinentiis, jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Struiling, in manibus super mi: domini nostri Regis dimicaverunt, ratione factis facture quondam Alexandri Domini Hume Magni Camerarii Scocie, pro eisdem causis, propt: in pro: su: forisfacture de super dicta latius continetur: et post dictum forisfacturam predictum supremus dominus noster Rex, post suam pacem in eisdem viginti quinque annorum et generalem renocationem, me dictum Alexquidrum Magistrum de Hume in feodo, et me dictum Georgium Dominum Hume in liberis tenemento, in omnibus et singulis pre- noninatis terris dominii de Hume et Innerallone, cum molendino eamdem, tenentibus tenandriis ac liberetentum seruicis eamdem et suis pertinentiis de novo infodauit, cum potestate nostre liberetentie in tenandriis suis dictarum terrarum similiter de novo infodandi: Et quia dictus quondam Alexander Dominus Hume per suas cartam et sasnam, Joachinum Hume suum filium naturalium in omnibus, et singulis predictis terris de Innerallone, cum molendino eamdem et suis pertinentiis, hereditatis infodauit: Et pro sua nova infodatione hereditaria in prenominatis terris de Innerallone, cum molendino eamdem et suis pertinentiis, fiesla, ipse Joachim Hume me dictum Alexandrum Magistrum de Hume, mesque curatores subscriptos, et dictum meum patrem, coram dominis consiliis prefati supremi domini nostri Regis vocauit qui per eorum decreta decreuerunt nos ad infodandum dictum Joachinem Hume in prenominatis terris de Innerallone, cum molendino eamdem et suis pertinentiis, de me auctedicto Alexandro Magistro de Hume, et hereditibus meis, similiter et adeo liberetendis, sicut easdem tenuit ante prefatam forisfacturam, ipso michi et dicto meo patri persolueunce suam partem et positionis secundum ratam et quantitatem dictarum terrarum suarum et molendini, atque prejudicio cuiuscumque reuersiois prius facte pro redemptione prefatarum terrarum et molendini . . . . propt: in dicto decreto dominorum consilii de super lato plenius continetur: Et quia dictus Joachim Hume suam partem dictae compositionis michi et dicto meo patri gratauerit persoluevit: Non erit igitur me, dictum Alexandrum Magistrum de Hume, cum consensu et assensu dicti Georgii Domini Hume patris mei, nescio Magistrorum Jacobi Foullis de Colintoun, clerici registri ac consili supremi domini nostri Regis, et Albrecht Crichtoun, prepositi de Dunglas, ac officialis Sancti Andrei infra Archidiaconatum Lanarkie, meorum curatorum, pro implicatione dicti decreti, datus, concessisse, et lege presenti carta mea pro proprio confirmo: . . . . prefato Joachimi Hume et hereditibus suis: quibus deficientibus, Andree Hume fratri meo et fruano, et hereditibus suis quibuscumque, totas et integras prenominatas terras de Innerallone, cum molendino eamdem, et suis per-



tineutlis, jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Striueling antedictum: Tenendas et libendas . . . de me et heredibus meis in fructu et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendis inde annuatim . . . unum denarium visualis monete regni Scocie, in festo pentheecostes, super solum dictarum terrarum, nomine abbefirme, si petatur tantum . . . In eius rei testimoniis sigillum meum hunc presenti carte nro, manu mea subscripte, est appensum, unum sigillis et subscriptionibus manu libras dictorum memoria patris et curatorum, in signum eorum consensu et assensu ad praesissa, apud Edinburgh, vicecomito quarto die aesis Augusti, anno Domini millesimo quatuoragesimo quadragesimo primo, coram his testibus, videlicet, Magistris Alexandro Crichton Vicerio d: Innerwick, Johanne Abirerammy, Johanne Hamiltoni notario publico, Hugone Douglas burgense de Edinburgh, Willmno Foulis, Thoma Trotter, Patricio Thomson, Thoma Brounfeild, Anthonio Trotter, Roderolpho Trotter, et Andrea Abirerammy, cum diuersis aliis.

DECLARATION by Jonet Striueling of Cawler, in presence of the Lords of Council, that the Precuratory by her for resigning the lands of Lettir, Cawler, &c., in favour of James Striueling of the Keir, her spouse, was her free act. 7th December 1541.

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153. In presens of the Lords of Consale, comperit Jonet Striueling of Cawler, and producit this writing videlicet, of the quilibet tenour followis. My lands of Consale, Forsamekles as I Jonet Striueling of Cawler half maist constitut James Henderson



and vtheris my procuratoris, coniunctie and servarie, to compeir in presens of the kingis grace, and my vthir superioris, and their neck resignation of all and sindrie my landis heretage of Letter, Cadder, Vehiltreis, Kirkmychell, Blanerne, Braonet, Bankers, and Cragbre, with the toweris, fortalices, maner places, myluis, woldis, partis, pendiklis, teneutis, teneadryis, and service of the tenentis, aduocacion and donationis, of kirkis, chaplenrys of the samyn, and all the pertinentis, for heretale infestment, charter and sesing to be maid and givin be the saidis superioris thairof respectiue, ilkane for thair awin partis, to James Strindling of the Keir, my spous, and his airis quhatsumeir, of all an l sindrie the saidis landis, as at meir lenth is contenit in my letteris of procuratorie vnder my proper seale and subscription, maid and givin to my said spous thairof, quhilk letteris of procuratorie I declair now in presens of your Lordschipps, be my grett aith, that the samyn was maid be me of my awin fre will and certane science vnoneppellit, coactit, dissauit, or circumvenit be my said spouse or oþy vtheris, bot onlie for the wele and proffit of my said spous and his heis, and for augmentation of the leving yaþof, becaus it is the principe and cheif houis of his and myne surnamis, and ane grett part of the awld heretage and leving of Keir annalyit and put away, swa that the samyn was liklie to haif dekeit, and als for the laþ and favour I haif and bere to my said spous: And thairfor now instantlie in presens of your Lordschipps of my awin fre moþe will, vnoneppellit as said is, ratifies, approuis, and conformis the saidis letteris of procuratorie in all peynis, with all chartaris, preceptis, instrumentis of sesingis, infestmentis, evidensis maid and to be maid and sworis be my grett aith never to revok and cum ingontrar the samyn in tymis comimg, and that the said procuratorie may tak full effect and be observed and keptin all peynis, I desire it to be registrat in the bukis of consale wit this my declaracion extenlit in the maist sieker form that can be devisit for the wele and silenes of the said James and his airis.

PROCRATORY by Jonet Strindling, Lady of Cadder, for resigning her lands of Cadder, &c., in favour of James Strindling of Keir, her spouse, 13th December 1541.

13 December 1541.

154. Is presens of the Lords of Counsall, comperit Jonet Strindling of Cadder, and gave in this writting vnder writhin seal-right with her hand, and desirit the samyn to be registrat in the bukis of counsall, and to haif the strenght of their decree, and the lordis to intepenis thair conuictie theris, with execuatoris thairpue gave neid for, and thairefter the lordis to be visit with the said mairis infirme, schewand aduertisit the said Jonet that the said master was ryght grett and wychtly to hir to geve our ib



heretage without sum resounable caus, and of the demonge, displesour, and inconveniencis that mycht cum to hir thairthrow, throw resignation of all her loving and heretage, and that she mycht never optine the samis estate, nor revoik the procuratorie vnder writtin: and the said Jonet being avisit herewith, at tua sundry termes, to the effect that she mycht haif bene consultit with frendis for ordaining of the samis, and their-efir sche ia presens of the saidis lordis, all vthir personis being rem Witt, swore, the haly evangelis machit, that sche madd the said procuratorie haitie of hir awin fre motiue will and desire, after the forme and tenour of this writting vnder writtin in all punctis, and shall never cum in the contrair therof in iugement nor outwyth, and renounceit all privilege, actionis, and ryght that sche has or may haif to the reductionis of the samis, and ratificis and apprevies the said procuratorie, with all that followit or may follow thairupon, for hir and hir successouris for evir: And therafter the lordis being avisit with the said Jonetis witt, and plane declaracion of hir mynd, ordanit and ordanis the said writting, togidder with the said procuratorie, to be insert in the saidis bokes of counsale, and to haif the strenth of thair decrees in tym tecum, and hes interponit their auctoritie thairpo, with exhortacionis and bannis thairupon, as if neid be, off the quhillk writting the tenour followis: My lordis of counsale Forsunakle as I Jonet Striueling of Cadder vpoun the viij day of December instant come in presens of your Lordships purposis and of determin mynd to haif ryght and appredit me letter of procuratorie madd vnder my sole and subscription with consent and assent of James Striueling of the Keir, now my spous, makkand certane personis neid thairintill my procuratoris conjunetis and severalis to haif resignit in the hauis of our soueraine lord, the Archebischope of Glasgw and vthoris superioris respectiue my landis and heretage of Cadder, Vchiltreis, Lettir, Bunkir, Brauzet, Kirkmichael, Blanerne and Changlore wit the touris, fortis, wodis, nimer, places, mylnis, tenentis, tenondris, and service of fre tenentis, ubicacionis, donationis, and ryghtis of patronage of kirkis and cheplenris of the samis, and all thair pertinents, for nereable infirmitatis and sesingis and sesing to haif bene madd and givin thairof be my saidis superioris to the said James and his airis quhatsumeir: Off rand me to swer that I was vineappellit or coactit to do the samis and after that it was inquirit at me be your Lordships quhat profit I gaif thairfor throug the tourrowis givin to me in your presens, I tak suspition that the sikernis madd to Thomas Bischope in my name, and at my command and desire, of the landis of Vchiltreis zewand now be airis viij merkis and act madd ament the payment to him in my name of 17 merkis quhillk I said half for my landis for saidis was iusufficient, and of nane avale, I thairfor revoik the saidis letteris of procuratorie wit all that followit thairpoun, and revelit and schewin to your Lordships sum secrete



vourd ament myself: And now becaus I haif aysit and causit rypole avys with my said sikernes and fidelis the saunin sufficient and guide and has geyt in the saunin compleat at my desire, and als be truyng on of the veritie, þerdelic knawis the vþir wardenis quhilk I revellis to your Lordships, war fys and vntrew lik as ony wisman for diverss causis may consider and juȝo: I haif thairfor of new, of my awin fre will, and certane science vñcompellit, exigit, circumuertit, dissauit or diffraudit in ony way bot of guile considerac[i]on for the help and argu[m]entacion of the leing of the houss of Keir, becaus it is the principale and chifff houss of my said spousis and myne surnames, and that it was illis to detye throw alienacion of the maist part of the auld heretage: And als for divers vñeris profitis geyv be my spous to me and vtheris of my command and desire, and for vtheris causis and considerac[i]onis moving me, efter I haif prohibit and halper the bairnis of vñquylle Robert Scrueling, quhilkis ar immediatlie to succed to me falzeling the airis of my awin body, to succle of my heretage as geyv now be the airis h[er]i[n]g of merris, maid vtheris letteris of procuratoris quhilk plesit your Lordships to se and consider, makand James Hennersoan and vtheris, coniunctio and similitie, my procuratoris, to resigne all and sindrie my landis aboue writtin, in the handis of the superioris thairfor respectue, ikane of thame for thair awin partis for heretale infirmatis and sesingis to be maid and gon in of the saunin be the saidis superiors to the said James his airis and assignis quatsamevir. Quhilk letteris of procuratore I haie ye tenour of thir presentis rafallis, apprevis, and for me and my airis perpetuallie coniformes: And sweris and declaris to your Lordships, be my grete aith, that I am neuer exigit, compellit, detraudit, circumuertit, or dissauit in making of the saunin, bot nacht the saidis letteris of procuratoris and now rafallis and apprevis the saunin of my awin fre will and ardent desire for the causis aboue writtin, and shall neuer revolt nor emu in the contrair thairfor in jugement nor oþerw[ay]t be ony maner of way in tym entang, and that the saidis landis may be maid sicker to the said James and his airis, I desire the saidis letteris of procuratoris, with this my writing and declaracion to be actit and registrat in the booke of Coursale and that your Lordships wald geve actis, decretis and latentes z[n]e auctorite thairfor, conform to your practic obseruac[i]on in sic casis: And mair attour þens their was ane resignation mad of the saidis landis of Vchilltreis be vertu of the saidis first letteris of procuratoris, in the handis of William Monteith of West Cars superioris thairfor, and infiuent geyv thairthrow to the said James of the saunin, quha thairfor at my command: not desiris dispuoit ye saidis landis of Vchilltreis be charrer of alienacion to the said Thomas Bishope to my behalfe and the said Thomas diligacion geyv to me that he soll resignis the saunin in favoris of me and my airis howsone sentence of divorce heis lede and



gevin simple betuix me and the said James: Therefor for my singular vely and vtilite, I revoik, renunce and dischargis ye pretendent renovation maid be me of the said first procuratorie in presens of your Lrdships, and will consentis, and ordainis that the said renovation actis and instrumentis geyony was mad thairponme, sali be deloit and put furth of the levis of couste and to laif na strenth nor memorie in tym cuming, and be thir presens ratifies and apprevis the said first procuratorie togidder wit the said resignation, charters, consentis, and all that followis that runoun in manner forsaid: In witness of the quilk thiz I haif subscrivit thir presens wit my hand the xj day of December the yere of Christ M<sup>l</sup> VI<sup>o</sup> xij yers. Off the quilk procuratorie the tenour followis: Universi et singilli ad quorum notitias presentes libere per-  
veneriat, Joneta Strineling, Domina de Cahler, Sabatem, Quia dum upper recordarer  
quod quondam Johannes Strineling de Kere miles, pater Jacobi Strineling nunc de  
Keir mei sponsi, pro recompensacione warde recompens et non introitus mecum terrarum et  
hereditatis, ac in protectione et defensione caruadem, nos minimum proprie sue her-  
editatis et predictorum partem ultra redempcionem alienauit, in dicti mei sponsi gracie damp-  
num qui ad huiusmodi suas terras succedere deberet, et quia idem nec s sponsus et eius  
domus et eius cognominis de Strineling ab antiquo prefuerat et principalis habebatur;  
Ne minoris gradus et preeminentie dat ab sue hereditatis diminutionem qua per decessores  
sue extiterunt; sibi et sui domui auxiliari sumptue hereditatem augore animo deliberato  
meum decreui: Nequeritis igitur me, non vi aut motu ductam, nec errore ipsam,  
compulsam nec coactam, sed ex mea mera pura libere et spontanea voluntate, pro  
incirculibus amore et favore quod sibi ex geno erga diem meum sponsua, cum  
ipsius consensu et assensu, fecisse constituisse et ordinisse . . . . . hominibus viros  
Jacobum Henrisoun, Thomam Leuenenth, ac eorum quonlibet coniunctum et ieiunio meos  
veros legitimos et indubitos procuratoros actores, factores, et negotiorum meorum  
gestores . . . . . ad pre me et nomine meo, in presencia dominorum meorum superiorum  
subscriptorum comprehendam, et ibidem sursum reddendas et in eorum manus  
respectue per fastum et baculum pure et simpliciter resignandas extradonandas et  
libere deliberandas, a me et heredibus meis, omnes et singulas terras meas infra scriptas  
viz. . . . . omnes et singulas terras meas de Lertyr cum tenementibus tenedij  
et libere tenentium servitij earundem ac suis pertinentiis, jacentes infra vicecomitatum  
de Strineling, in manibus excellensissimi principis et domini nostri domini Jacobi  
quinti Dei gratia Scotorum Regis illustrissimi, aut in manibus Mathei Coraltis de  
Leuenax vel suorum commissariorum, sive quoniamque alterius legitimi superioris  
earundem omnes et singulas terres meas de Calder, et in turre, fortifice, ponticulis et  
pertinentiis eiusdem jacentes infra regalitatem Glasguensem et vicecomitatum de



Lanark, in manibus reuerendissimi in Christo patris et domini Gavini Glasguensis Archiepiscopi, tanquam in manibus domini mei superioris dictarum terrarum de Cadder: omnes et singulas terras meas de Vehltre, cum molendino earundem et suis pertinentiis, jacentes in baronia de West Kerss, infra vicecomitatum de Striueling, in manibus Willibaldi Menteth de West Kerss, tanquam in manibus domini mei superioris earundem: omnes et singulas terras meas de Bannet et Bankeir, jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Striueling, terras de Kirkmychall et Blanaru, cum tenentibus, tenendris, libere tenentibus seruitiis, albotacione, donatione, et jure jactronatus capellaniarum earundem et suis pertinentiis, jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Dunbarton, in manibus Willibaldi Levingston de Kilsyth aut in manibus Campbell, nepotis hereditatis et successoris quondam Celini Campbell de Auchynhowy, vel cuiusquam alterius legitimi superiorum seu superioris earundem: et terras de Craadol, cum tenentibus, tenendris, et libere tenentibus seruitiis earundem jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Lynlithgabw, in manibus Roberti Mowbray de Bernbowgall, tanquam in manibus domini mei superioris earundem . . . pro cartis, sasinis, et infeodationibus . . . memorato Jacobo Striueling de Keir meo sponso suis hereditibus et assignatis quibuscumque dandis et conficiendis . . . In cuius rei testimonium presentibus procuratorum literis mea manu subscriptis sigillum meum, vna cum sigillo et subscriptione dicti mei sponsi, in signum sui consensus et assensus, ad premissa sunt appensa, apud Edinburgi, decimo die mensis Decembris, anno 1<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> xlj, eorum his testibus, Magistro Arthurio Tailfeir, Rectore de Crichtoun, Thoma Danidson burgense de Edinburg, Willielmo Striueling, Johanne Pastoun, Willielmo Peirson, Jacobo Henryson, Thoma Bisci, q. Jacobo Bannatyne, et Nigello Laying notariis publicis, eum diuersis alijs.

JONET STRIUELING

lady of cadder

JAMES STRIUELING

of ye keir

RATIFICATION by Jonet Striueling, Lady Cawder, 13th December 1541.

13<sup>th</sup> December 1541.

155. In presens of the lordis of consale comperit Jonet Striueling Lady Cawder, spous to James Striueling of the Keir, and their in absense of hir said spous, swor the Lady evangeliis tuchit that she vno complicit or conaite be him, or be ony ȝthir person, with couenseit of hir said spous, and als wth couenseit and assent of M<sup>r</sup> Abraham Crichtoun, Person of Craufurd Jtou, and M<sup>r</sup> Robert Crichtoun Visor of Huntlyk, curatoriis to the said James, for their interes, shal hant and doit le recable be charter and sesing to James Bannatyne burges of Edinburg, and Katerin Tizofeir his spous, the largest levand



of thame in coniuncteffment, and to the airis lauchfullie gottin or to be gottin beuix thame, quhilks faizeing to the said James and his airis quhatsumenir or assignatis, all and sindrie the tenmiliandis of Ovire clowry . . . land in the barony of Listoun, within the Shiresdeem of Lithgow, to be heldin of my lord of Sanct Jham, Preceptour of Torphichin, and his successoures, with claus of war, nidle, as in the charter of alienation, precept of sesing and obligation of special warandice maid be the said Jonet, with consent of Lir said spos and his curatoriis forsaidis, to the said James and his spos at mair lenth is contenit. quhilk chartor is of the deit at Edinburgh, the last day of November, ye zeir of God J<sup>e</sup> V<sup>o</sup> xl<sup>o</sup> zris, and the deit of the obligation of the saidis landis is at Edinburgh, the xj day of December, in the zeir of God firsaid. And that for certane sovmes of money deboursit be the said James Bannatyn and his spos and resauit be the said Jonet and his spos to thair particular utilite and profit: therfor the said Jonet ratifeis, apprevis, and conuenies the said instrument, charter, precept, sesing and obligation of warandice maid thairupon in all purcis, and sali near cum in the contrair thairof, nechtir be herself nor none vtheris in her name, for now and evir.

CHARTER by Gavin [Dunbar] Archibishop of Glasgow, to James Striueling of Kere,  
of the lands of Cadder, 10th January 1541.

156. OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel audituris, Gavinius miseratione divina Glasguensis Archiepiscopus, Regni Scoticie Cancellarius, ac superior terrarum subscriptarum, Salutem in Domino sempiternam. Non eritis nos de lissa concessi, et hoc presenti carta nostra confirmasse . . . dilecto nostro Jacobo Striueling de Kere suis heredibus et assignatis quibuscunque, omnes et singulas terras de Cadder, cum turre, fortalicio, molendinis, terris, molendinariis, silvis, partibus, pedaliellis, ectagis et h[ab]e[re]ntis earundem, cum suis pertinencie, jacentes in baronia nostra de Glasgw, inde regalitatem eiusdem, et vicecomitatum de Lanark. Quequibus terre . . . fuerunt Jonete Striueling de Cadder, sponse dicti Jacobi, per prius hereditarie: et quas ipsa, cum consensu et assensu dicti sui sponsi, pro suo interesse, per fustem et leuicium ac procuratores suos . . . in manibus nostris . . . apud Edinburgh . . . resignauit . . . Tenendas et habendas . . . prefato Jacobo Striueling de Kere suis heredibus et assignatis quibuscunque, de nobis et successoribus nostris, Glasguensibus Archiepiscopis, in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . seruitium warde et rebaili, itemen annuatim summissio quattuor librarum usualis monete regni Scoticie, ad duos anni terminus conservas, teste vicielicit Penthegostes et Sancti Martini in hieme, per equalis partiones: vnamcum tribus seetis annuatim in



nostris curiis capitalibus baronie nostre Glasguensis. Proniso tamen quod si contingat maritagium heredum dicti Jacobi, qui in profitis terris succedere debent, in manibus supremi domini nostri Regis, seu Principis Scotie, aut alterius superioris, qui nobis quam dispositionem dicti maritagiis de jure preferre potest, devenire, vide ab huiusmodi maritagiis nos aut successores nostri seclusi fierimus: in hoc casu tenetur dicti Jacobus et eorum quilibet, pro sui maritagiis, quales essent, summam trigentiarum mercatorum nobis persolueret, tantum . . . . In causa rei testimonium hunc presenti carta manu nostre subscrive, sigillum nostrum etiamdem est appensum apud Edinburgh, decimo die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo primo, et consecrationis nostra anno decimo septimo.

GATINUS Archiep: Glasg.

SENTENCE of DIVORCE by the official of Lothian of James Striveling of Keir and Jonet Striveling of Cadder. 31st January 1541.

Ultimo Januarii anno 1<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> xli.

157. CHRISTI Nomine In nomine: Nos Andreas Myll, probatus clerus ecclesie collegiate nostra Domine de campis infra oppidum de Edinburgh, et Robertus Syncoom, capellanus, commissarii in hac parte venerabilis et egregii viri, magistri Abrahe Creichtoun, Propositi de Dunglas, ac Officiale Sancti Andrei infra Archidiacionitum Lanthonie, causa et partibus infrascriptis, unacum nonnullis aliis nostris in hac parte collegis sub ille clausula, vobis aut duobus vestrum coniunctim et diuisim, specialiter deputati: judicis pro tribunali scelentes in qua latente in se matrimonii vel tri leate ab divorcio simpliciter, eorum nobis mota, et aillere pendente inde se, inter honorabilem virum Joachim Striveling de Keir, filium et heredem Joannis Striveling de Keir militis, auctor em ab una, et providam domicellam Jonetam Striveling filiam et heredem quoniam Andreas Striveling de Cadder, eius pretensam et partiviam sponsam, re in partibus ab altera, cognoscentes juxta ea que vidimus, aulivimus et cognovimus, jurispritorum communicatio consilio et secuto, quibus fidelem fieri fecimus relationem in eadem, solum Deum pre oculis habentes, eiusque nomine sanctissime precibus invocato, per hanc nostram sententiam definitivam quam ferimus in his scriptis, pronunciamus, decernimus et declaramus, ex deductis coram nobis in causa huiusmodi auditis hinc inde partium petitionibus, responsionibus et allegationibus, pretensum matrimonium et sponsalia per verbis de futuro carnali copulati subsecuta, inter prefatas Joachim et Jonetam contractum et solemnizatum in fidei ecclesie, a principio non tenuisse, nec viriles subsistere posse de jure, eo quia tenore eiusdem contractus et solemnizationis, de fato licet non de jure, sibi invicta prefati Jacobus et Joneta auctorib[us] preout etiam de presenti astringunt, in quarto et quarto



gradibus consanguinitatis ignote sibi Jacobo tempore contractus et solis nuptiis pre-  
fati matrimonii et sponsaliorum: Et propterea idem pretensum matrimonium et sponsalia  
annullanda, cassanda, et dirimenda fore, ac ipsos libellantem et libellatam ab invicem  
divorciantos et separandos, et quicquid alter alteri de his causa aut donationis propter  
nuptias dederit, idem alteri restituendum fore. Ite utiamque prefato Jacobo sibi in  
Dominio contrahendi et ducenti concedenda fore, prout annullantur, cassantur, dirim-  
mus divorciamus ac concedimus respectu, quod omnibus quorum interest notum faci-  
mus per presentes.

CONTRACT between James Stirueling of the Keir, and William Balfour. 18th March  
1541.

158. At Dumblane, the achtene day of Marche, the zeir of God ane thowsand fife hundred  
fourty ane zeris. It is appoyntis agreit and finale concordis betweix ane honorable man,  
James Stirueling of the Keir, on that aue part, and Williame Balfour on that wther  
part, in maner forme and effect as effir followis, that is to say: after all compt and  
rekynnyng mid of all thingis afair the deit heirof, bauix the saidis parteis, the said  
Williame Balfour grantis hyme awing to the said James Stirueling the sowne of thre  
hundreth twenty merkis, quilk sowne of iii. xx merkis the said Williame bindis and  
oblis hyme his airis executouris and assignais, to thankfullie content and pay to the  
said James his airis, executouris, and assignais, at thir termis efter following, that is to  
say, acht seoir of merkis at Witezday nyxt effir the deit heirof, and acht seoir of  
merkis at sanct Martinis day nyxt thaireffir, in full payment of the said iii. hundreth  
merkis: And howsone the said Williame hapois to content and pay to the said James  
Stirueling, his airis, executouris, and assignais, the fyrist said sowne of acht seoir merkis,  
within fourty dayis nyxt efter the ressalt thairof, the said James Stirueling bindis and  
oblis hyme his airis and assignais, to heretably infest the said Williame his airis and  
assignais in all the balf of the fyty shilling land of the Bra of Balairis Balquhoppill,  
occupit the day heirof be Dwnane and Moriory Campbeillis; and within wther fourty  
dayis nyxt efter the paying of the last acht seoir merkis, the said James sall siklik  
infest the said Williame in the wther half of the forsaids landis of Bra of Balquhoppill,  
lyand within the stewerty of Myntheth and shirethome of Portht, other be his awin  
charter or resigntioun, or wther wis as the said Williame sall think midst expedient:  
The said Williame bindis and oblis hyme in maner forsaid that he sall nicht in gyre  
the said James for arbitment of the forsaids landis vnto the rayment of the sownies at  
the termis forsaidis: And for obseruing and keping heirof faith the saidis parteis ar-



content this present contract be registrat in the Commissariis bwkis of Dumblane, and thai monest to obserue the samyn enclor panis of cursing: and hes subscriwit this present writ with thair handis, day, zeir, and place forsaid, before thir wyrnes, Masteris James Kennedy Chanonice of Dumblane, Willame Mwdly, Patrik Wrycht notaris, Jacob Drumond and Thomas Luirmeitie, with utheris divers.

JAMES STIRLING of the Keir.

WILLIAM BALFOUR.

Dic xviii<sup>th</sup> ianensis Martii. Anno Domini 1<sup>st</sup> VI<sup>th</sup> quadragessimo primo. Quo die, mense  
sunt hinc inde retroscripti Jacobus et Willelmus, ex eorum propriis confessionibus,  
ad obseruandum retroscriptam contractum, in omnibus suis punctis ipsi<sup>s</sup> respective  
concermentibus, secundum tenorem eiusdem, sub pena excommunicationis.

Hec est vera copia principalis contractus registrati in libris registri curie consis-  
torialis Dumblanensis, manu alieia extracta, et collationata per me notarium  
publicum subscriptum, cum principali in omnibus concordans, nil addito vel  
mutato quod facti substantiam varieret.

Ita est Willelmus Blakwod notarius publicus manu sua.

CONTRACT between James Stirling of Keir and Calder, and Lucas Stirquiling, son to  
unquahile Walter Stirveling of Ballagane, 18th January 1542.

159. AT Calder, the xviii day of Januar, the zeir of God 1<sup>st</sup> VI<sup>th</sup> xlii zeiris: It is appoyntit  
aggreit betuix twa nobill men, James Stirling of Keir and Calder, supperior to the  
landis of Ballindrocht, with tenement, tenendrie, the service of the samyn, on the ta part,  
and Lucas Stirquiling, son to vnguhill Walter Stirveling of Ballagane, and takand for  
him the burding for James Waure on the tider part, in usinir as followis, viz., the said  
James Stirveling of Keir soll content and pay to the said Lucas, for him self and for  
James Waure, the sowne of thare hundreth merkis vsable money of Scotland, betwix the  
dait heirof and Paice Maitocem; and for the payment of the said sowne of thrie hundreth  
merkis to be payit as sallis is, the said Lucas soll resing the annuell rent of ane chaildir  
ait meill quihilk he hes annelit heritable of the heill fyve land leid of Ballindrocht,  
be chairter and seising, and soll caus Elfame Birslane his modir, relict to the said  
wmquhill Walter, renunce hir lifrent [of] the samyn, gif sho hes ony; and soll resing  
siclyk ane vder annuell rent quihilk he hes be assignacioun renunciacioun or tyill of  
James Waur, of the saidis landis of Ballindrocht, and soll caus the said James Waur, or  
his airis, renunce resig and ouirgif the samyn annuellrent of the said chaildr of meill,  
with all pertinentis and gryffelis and commandacis bygins and to eme, and that all in  
favour of the said James Stirveling of Keir, or his airis, in the supperioris landis



thairof qhatsumeter, for heritabillie infestment to be maid to the said James or his airis: And also the said Lucas, the haill soyme of thrie hundred merkis being payit to him as said is, shall transfer all richt of the saidis annuellrentis of twa chablis off ait meill, and shall caus James Waur transfer all his richt thairof, to the said James Stirveling, baith of heritage thairof, and all bygane profititis, and shall mak, and caus the said James Waur mak, procuratouris ane or moe to persew the air or airis of vnaphill Andro Stirveling of Ballindrecht for bygane profititis of the saidis twa chalder of ait meill: And for obtaynyng heirof shall deliuer the instrumentis of saising of the said annuell rentis, with obligatiounis and all charteris maid thairef, to the said James Waur, and vnaphill Waltir Stiruiling of Ballagane, and shall compare thair selfis or procuratouris, as the said James Stiruiling thinkis best, and als oft as he pleisit, on the said James expensis, befoir ony jugeis competent, for persute of the saidis annuell rentis of twa chaldir of meill and bygane profititis thairof: And the parteis ar content this present wrait be extendit in the maist lairge forme as ony of thame will dewis to the effect fairsaid, and shall byde heirat. And for the observing heirof the parteis is content the samyn contract be insert in the Officialis buikis of Glasgow, and they moniest to fulfill the samyn, and hes subseruait the samyn, day, zeir and place fairsaid, befoir thir witnes, Johnie Colquhoun of Kilmerdony, and Maister James Blair, with wtheris diuers. And for the payment of the said thrie hundred merkis the said James Stiruiling of Keir oblisss him, his airis and assignais, to infest the said Lucas his airis [or] assignais in xl schilling land of Kirkton, lyand within the erbloun of Lennox and shirefdom of Stiruiling, perteyning to the said James be compryssing of the airis of vnaphill Andro Stiruiling of Ballindrecht, vnder forme of reversion of ane hundred pundis money, and siclyk shall infest the said Lucas his airis or assignais in the chaldir of meill reseruit to the said James in the seasing and infestment maid to vnaphill Waltir Stiruiling of Ballagane, fadir to the said Lucas, and Elfame Birsbarre spous to the said vnaphill Valtir, of the landis of Branzeit, and shall mak the said Lucas his airis and assignais sicker of the saidis landis of Kirkton, and ane cheddir of meill of Branzeit heritabillie, be chaitir and saising, with obligatioun of speciall warrandye, as the said Lucas will devis, letuix and Mertimes nixtoeum after the dait heirof: And the said James Stiruiling shall deliuer and gif the said Lucas ane tak of the saidis landis of Kirkton, for the space of ane zeir aft r the redempcion of the saidis landis of Kirkton, for the summe of ane hundred pund, and that for the payment of ten merkis be zeir in maill allanirly, for the tak of the saidis landis of Kirkton: And the parteis is content this claus siclyk be insert in the Officialis buikis of Glasgow, and they moniest to fulfill the samyn siclyk, and hes subseruait the samyn.



Die predicta dictus Jacobus Stirueling de Keir renunciatus primitio equitatis a annis interruptionis, etc. Extract furth of the vnyd Officiall consistorialis Baikis of Glasgw, be me Robert Herbatson notar. haueur and keipar of the saidis baikis, witnessing my signe and subscriptione manuall.

ROBERTES HERBATSONE NOTARIUS MANU SVA.

CONTRACT OF MARRIAGE between James Stirueling of the Keir and Jane Cheisholme, "cousinnes" of William Cardinal Bishop of Dunblane, 5th March 1542.

160. AT Dunblane the fyf day of March, the xviij of God aunc thowzend fyf hundred  
four i twa zeris. It is apponuert and fynly agreit betwix honorable personis, James  
Stirueling of the Keir one that tane part, James Cheisholme of Clessingall, and Jayn  
Cheisholme, cousinnes to ane reverend fader in God, William Bisop of Dunblane,  
one the vther part, in manner and forme as after folowis, that is to say, the said James  
Cheisholme, on his expensis shall caus imprent and bring hysm ane sufficient disparsa-  
tions for thrid degrees of consanguinitate and ferd of affinitie consistant between the  
saidis James Stirueling and Jayn; and incontinent therafter the saidis James Stirueling  
and Jayn shall vise the samyn, and be dispensis therwith. And the said James shall  
infeft and caus infeft the said Jayn, in hir virginitate, to all and holl his tenui  
pundis landis of voldenant of Cumberlond, and within the subrectorie of Childestall and  
barony of Glasgw, for his lyfym, and the aieris to be gotten betwix them, fallowing at  
the aieris betwix them, to the aieris of the said James; to be heldin of the Archbisop  
of Glasgw and his successore, or of the said James, for his lyfis, as the said James  
Cheisholme thinkis exellent. And in all tenui laist before the said James Stirueling,  
God willing, shall contract mariage and solemniz the samyn in fore of hys kirk  
with the said Jayn. For the quilkis the said James Cheisholme shall content and pay  
to the said James Stirueling, his wifes or assignaids, the summe of aunc thousand punds  
vsuale money of Scotland at the concluding of the said mariage. And shall caus the  
said reverend fader, with consent of his chapter, to mak one sufficient reservatione to  
the said James Stirueling and Jayn, and to the binger lyfym of thame twa, and the  
aieris to be gotten betwix them, and fallowing of the aieris betwix them, to the aieris  
of the said James, and their assignaids, of all and holl the tenui schavis of the  
Keiris Vuer and Nether, Cumberlond, Auld Byris, Cumberlond, Peikland, Myn landis,  
Buchally and Rettens, quilkis the said James bekit aner; the saidis James and  
Jayn and their aieris forisolls introu to the said tenui schavis at Lanmes in the  
xvir of Mai 1542, for aunc zeris, for all the dais and tormes of mynnes zeir thairefter  
fallowing: Paying zeir to the said reverend fader and his successore, thre chalberis



ture and aye chalder mole sufficient stuf: And sielyke the said James Cheisholme  
 soll caus the said reverend fader sustene the saidis James Striceling and Jayn in all  
 ordinar expensis, for the space of fyf yeres: And the said James Striceling is content  
 and consentis that the said thowsand poules be werit in the capite of his landis: And  
 gif it soll happen that eny vther impellment of comonalty or chancery or vther wais  
 to be betwix the said James Striceling and Jayn, quod in alio solo may nexte be  
 lauchfull wyp to him, in that cas, and also as sic impellments beys fundit, the said  
 James Striceling soll rys and sufficient dispensacionis or dispensacionis, and soll caus  
 the sumin to be usit, swa that the said Jayn alwa's be his lauchfull wif: And the said  
 James Striceling soll nocht soll nor vset any part of his landis, neit zit neit takkis of  
 asselacionis, lang tyme or schort thairef, nor soll wittallis or vtheris things, to ony  
 persone or personis, without conseil of the said reverend fader: and soll by vise his  
 conseil in all and quikastumener thingis be happenis to have ado, beith aent his ayin  
 persone, landis, geir, and seruandis, falding in all tymis to cum: And this contract to  
 be extensit and maid large in best forme with clausis necessariis: And for obseruynge and  
 keping of thir premissis, and every pome thairef, atkir of the partis and persons  
 foirsaidis, and enerlik ne of thaim, ar bandin and oblist, the haly ewangellis madis, and  
 consentis that this present contract be registrat in the Officis and Commissariis bulis  
 of Sancti Androis principale, Lowdoun, Gloucestre, and Dunblane, and to be monist to  
 fulfill the sumin of thair proper confessioonis, submittant thaim to thair joris lieftis,  
 and renuncian all exceptionis and pridlegis that may be propounit in the contrar,  
 vnder the painis of cursing: In witnes hereof the saidis partis has subscrybit this  
 contract with thair handis, the day folysaid, before thir witness, venerable mon. Scholte George  
 Wawane channone of Dunblane, Maister David Gorlay, Maister Willame Mudy, Schol  
 James Blakwod, and Willame Blakwod, with vtheris divers.

JAMES CHEISHOLME wyp by hand.

JAMES STRICELING of ye Keir.

JANE CHEISHOLME wyp by hand

Quarto Martii Anno Domini m c xlii

Quo die, retroscriptus Jacobus Striceling de Keir confessus est se pecunie et integre  
 persolutum, in pecunia manerata, de retroscripta summa nullo librarium: Neque satis-  
 factum, compensatum et contentatum de capibus et singulis poneis in retroscripto  
 contractu, cunctis etiam retroscriptum quondam Jacobum Cheisholme, propterea  
 quod postulauit et exonerauit heretices, excommunicates, retroscripti quondam  
 Jacobi de premissis: et contentus tunc in consensu quod ipsius contractus et acta des-  
 super, si que sint, contesta in libris dominicorum officiis, et commissariorum Sanc-



andree principalis. Laudonie. Glasguensis. et Dunblanensis. simpliciter delectantur et in posterum effectum non sortiantur.

Ita est Will-hus Blakwod notarius et scriba in premisis. manu sua.

OBLIGATION by William Le-vingstoun of Kilsyth, to James Striueling of the Keir.  
21st March 1542.

161. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris. me William Levingstoun of Kilsyth. That forsamekill as I grant me to haif resaunt fra ane honorable man. James Striueling of the Keir. ane charter and preept for saissing. maid be vngayhill John Erll of Levenax to vngayhill John Campbell of Auchinhewe. of the landis of Auchinhewe. Dowen. Blarskeyth. Bronzet and Bankeir. and of the landis of Kirknewchill and Blernarn. togidder with ane instrument of saissing thairupon. Heirrie I bynd and oblis me. my airis and executoris. to the said James his airis and executoris. to releve werrant and keip the said James skavviles of the saidis charter. preept. and instrument of saissing. fra the handis of the airis of vngayhill Adam Hamilton. and of all vtheris quham it efferis; and in eais the said James heis perswit for the saidis evidentis. and incurris ony skayth theirthrow. in that caiss I bynd and oblis me and my airis to refound to hym the skayth that he happens to sustene thairtarow. In witness of the quhilikis I haf subscrivit this my obligatione with my hand. at Lynlythgow. the xxij day of March. the zere of God J<sup>e</sup> V<sup>e</sup> xliij zeris. befor thir witnes. Robert Levingstoun. Thomas Leirmonthit. and William Howat. with otheris llyers.

WELZAM LECINGSTOUN of Kylsyth.

BOND by Margaret Buchquhennane. with consent of her spous. to James Striueling of the Keir. 14th April 1542.

162. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris. Me Margarete Buchquhennane. eldest and ane of the tua dochteris. and air of vngayhill Patrik Buel. pheuane of Lany. with consent and assent of William Lok my spous. That forsamekile as I. with consent of my said spous. haue sold and assalit heretablie. be charter and seing. to ane honorable man James Striueling of the Keir. sonne and air of vngayhill John Striueling of Keir knycht. all and haill that ane half of the landis of Lany. and the latf landis of Petquhennanie. with the rentis. tenementis and seruise of frumentis of the semis. and thair pertinentis. land within the burghome of Pyrh. like as my infestment maid to him thairupon propertiis. quhilikis I presentit sold be all proprie. and that the



pretendit tenendris of the samyn wer nill, of nairn avill, and redicible of the law, and thairfor hes ressauit certane saymels of money and vther gode dedis fra the said James: Heifor I, with con-sent foirsaid, bindis and obdisse me my airis and assignis, to warand acpiet and defend the saidis halv landis with the pertinents, to be free proprete to the said James his airis and assignis, and that the pre-dict tenendris of the samyn are retreable of the law, nochtwithstanding ony pretendit alienacionis allegit maid to Johne Buchepennane of ony part thairfor, and thairfor to persew for reduction of ony pretendit infirmitatis that he or ony vtheris hes in fe or liffent of the saidis halv landis: In witnes of the quilk to thir present letteris of obligacionis subscribit with the handis of me and my saill spors, in tisin of his consent and assent to the premissis, led be the notar under writhin, our seiss ar affixit, at Glasgew, the xiii<sup>th</sup> day of Apryle, the zeir of God I<sup>4</sup> VI and fourty and tair zeirs, befoir thir witnes, Willame Strueling, Johne Strueling, Willame Peirsoun and Johne Morisoun, notar publik, and vderis diuers.

MARGARET BUCHANAN with my hand at the pen.

WILLAME LOK with my hand at the pen.

Ita est JOHANNES MORISON Notarius ad premissa.

PROCURATORY by John Earl of Menteith, for procuring himself succeed heir of vnaquhile William Earl of Menteith, his father, 7th April 1544.

163. Be it kend till all men be thir present letteris, me John Earl of Menteith, son and air of vnaquhile William Earl of Menteith: for the fulfilling and complément [of] ane certane contract and] apoyntment maid betuix the said vnaquhile WILLIE EARL on the tane part, and James Strueling [of the Keir] on the other part, amont the half landis of Lanȝ and Petephonderty, with the millin and thair pertinents, and indifferent betuix thame for the to have maid constitut and ordinit, and be the tennour heirof makis constitutis and ordinis honorable men, Thomas Marieribankis, Maister James McGill, Thomas M'Kulzeane, Master Johne Monerf, and ilk ane of thame, coniunctly and severalie, my verrey lauchfull and vndoutit procuratouris, factouris, specialie and generalie messangeris: givand geantand and comunitand to my saidis procuratouris, and ilkane of thame, coniunctly and severally, my verrey lauchfull and vndoutit power, expres mandement, bidding and charge, for me and in my name, bronsis of inquest of our Sanecon Lawis shapell, at my lustre, in the comune forme, as air to my saidis plaid: air, to rats and caps to be producit, and to persew be the samyn, use as air to my said fader, to his son of all and baill the said



half landis of Lany and Petherhenderty, with the millin and thair pertinents, lyand within the shirefdom of Perie, at my said vnaplyne fader deit last vest and sevit in, as of fee, conform to his infestment and instrument of sesing, and ane retour apone the deliverance of the assise to ratis, and put agane to the said chapl, and ane precept of sesing vpone the samyn to ratis in deu ferme, and the samyn to put to the shiref of Perth to ask and obtene sesing of the saidis landis with the pertinents: and I being lauchfully saisit thairin the samyn half landis of Lany and Petherhenderty, with millyns and pertinents of the samyn, in the handis of my lord governour of Scotland, tutour to our souerane Lady, be staf and berstong as vse is, in favours of Janet Balþersmane, ane of the airis of vnaplyne Patrik Balþersmane of Lany and hir airis and assignaist, purlie and symplic to resigne renunce and overgiff instrumentis and documentis thairapone to ask, and to the effect hereof, and speciallie for seruyn of the breif of inquest, to compeir afair the said Shiref of Perth, his deputis ane or mo, or utheris shireffis in that part, or thair deputis, quhatsumeuer day and place, and then the said breif to produce, and ask the samyn, conforme to the chene and positions of the saidis landis, millin and thair pertinents, to be put to ane inquest, to follow and defend, his contestatione to mak, the aif of calumnia in my sole to sure, except me delatoris, declinatouris and peremptoris to propone, and aganis the jugs, or me to be properit to anser, replie: writis, chartouris, documentis instrumentis of sesing to produce, and aganis me productit to except and impugne, sentences interlocutores and diffinuitis to ask be giffin and optein, and generalie all and syndry uther thingis to haue vse and exerce that to the office of procuratoris partis and in sicknes may pertine, be the law or consuetude of the realme: Haldand and for to hold ferme and stabill all and quhatsumeuer thingis my saidis procuratoris, or ony ane of them, lelis in the premissis to be doin, onder the paine of all my gatis, inwertable and vnugettable, present and to come: In witnes of the quilk to thir my letteris or procuratoris subscirbit with my hand my proper sole is affixit, at Glasquhaw, the viij day of April, the yere of God 1<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> and xlviij yeres, befor thir witnes, Robert Bischop of Orkney, William Bischop of Dunblane, and Master James Kounyde, Cauncoun of Dunblane, with otheris diuers.



GRANT by Robert Stewart, Elect Bishop of Caithness, and Provost of the Lady College of Dumbarton, to George Striueling of Glorat, of the annual dues of the lands of Strablane. 19th April 1544.

1544. BE it kend till all men be thir present letteris, ws Robert, be the mercie of God, Elect Bischesp of Kaitness, and Provost of our Lady Colle of Dumberton, with consent and awys of aue nobill and mychte lord, Mathew Ell of Lennox Lord Durris, patrone of the said Colle: That forasmuch as my landall man, the xviij. Striueling of Glorat, hes in few and leuisaig to hym and his awis, all and haill the ten pound land of Strablane, wthy the myll of the sandin, payand to ws and our said Colle evert annuell zerlie for the saidis landis and myll of the sandin, as at neir houent is specifyit and contentit in the said Georgis chartur and evidencis made thairpon: Herefore, for certain awysis moving us, and for the god seruice to ws done and to be done by the said Georg, with consent and awys of our said patrone, fronde gevis and grants the said zerlie annuell to the said Georg in full, for all the dayis of the saidis Georg lifetyme; and be the teneur hereof, enforis, quatenus, and displayis the said zerlie annuell of the said ten pound of Strablane, wthy the myll of the said myll, falle to the said Georg, to be occupiyit wsit and tenurit by the said Georg or his awin dispositione, but ony reuocatioun or agysing falling quatenus, and enless ws aye to cum in the contrar of this present donacione: In witness of the quilk thing to this present donacione, subseruauit wthy our hand, our proper seill is to bungie, togidder wth the seill and subscriptione of our said patrone, in taking of his consent, at Dumbertene, the nyntene day of Apprill, the xviij. of God, an theysand ffe hundredryk and fourte four zeris, befor thir witness, William Ell of Glanarkane, David Murray, Andro Murray, Androw Cwnighame, and James Lyndissary, wthy otheris divers.

MATHEW ELL of LENNOX

*Robert Bischope of Caithnes*

OBLIGATION by William Earl of Montross to James Striueling of Koir. 29th July 1545.

1545. I WELIAM ELL of MONROSS blydes and obeses me, in the name and tounent of my body, to encess Robert Grahame my sonne and apernall air, to rosyng and ouergyt all and



hail the landis of Ratherine with the pertinents, lyand within the Strouertie of Strathearn and Sheriffdom of Partt, in our soueren ladyis landis, in favouris of James Striueling of Keir and his airis; prouidinge alwayes the said James delyuer and gaf to me befor the said resygnacoun, his band of manrent for all the dayis of my lyif, and thre hunder merkis of siluer gud wshull money of Scotland. In witness hereof I haue subseruuet thir presentis with my hand, at Kenkardin, the xxix day of Julii, the zeir of God 1<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> forty fyve yaris, befor thir wetnes.

I grant the subseruuing of this my sone beand content wderwayis to be of nac availl.

WELLA ELL of MONTROSS.

ROBERT MAIST. of MONTROSS.

RETOUR of James Striueling of Keir, as heir of John Striueling of Keir, Knight, his father, in the lands of Lanark and Achinbre, 6th October 1545.

166. Hec Inquisitio capta fuit apud burgum de Perth, et in pretorio eiusdem, sexto die mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo quinto, coram nobili et potenti domino, Willielmo Domino Ruthven, vicecomite eiusdem, et honorabili viro, Vnfrido Rollok in Finloun, eius deputato: per hos subscriptos, videlicet, Joanneum Murray de Abircardny, David Vscherch de Monyvarl, Henricum Sinelar de Ardoch, Alexandrum Murray de Strowane, Thomam Merschell de Rossy, Alexandrum Chayn de Edindonyng, Laurentium Lam in Gannochy Pettulane, Thomam Lam in Perth, Magistrum Joannem Moncalf le Ryel, Andream Blair in Bellindene, Alexandrum Murray in Abircardny, David Murray de Arberg, et Edwardum Grahame in Abircardny: Qui jurati dicunt, quod quoniam Joannes Striueling de Keir, miles, pater Jacobi Striueling de Keir latoris presentium, obiit yitmo vestitus et sasitus, ut de feodo, ad pacem et fidem quondam supremi domini nostri Regis yitmi defuncti, cuius anime propitietur Deus, de totis et integris terris de Lanark et Achinbie cum pertinentiis, jacentibus in Sen-seallatu de Stratherne et infra vicecomitatum de Perth: Et quod dictus Jacobus est legitimus et propinquior freres eiusdem quoniam Joannis militis, patris sui, de totis et integris dictis terris de Lanark et Achinbie cum pertinentiis: Et quod est legitime etatis: Et quod valent nunc per annum quadraginta menses, et tempore pacis decem menses: Et quod tenentur in capite de supra domina nostra Regina per servitium warde et rebus: Et quod existebant in manibus dicti domini nostri Regis per spatium duorum annorum et sex menses ratione warde: Et quod existent in manibus dicti domini nostri Regis per spatium duorum annorum et viius termini ratione nonintroitus aut ex circiter legitime per se ipsos, ut ob causam



mortis dicti quondam Johannis, in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis: In cuius rei testimonium sigilla quorundam eorum qui dicta Inquisitioni intererant presentibus apponuntur. clavis sub sigillo officii dicti vicecomitis, et hoc breve inclusio, loco, die, mense, et anno suprascriptis.

Hee est vera copia principalis returnatus super promissis in Cancellaria supremi domini nostri Regis remanentis, copiata et collationata per me Magistrum Willelmum Scott, scribam, ac eiusdem Cancellarie Directorem, sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

W. SCOT.

CHARTER by William Menteith of Kers, to Matthew Hamiltoun of Mylubarne, of half of the lands of Vehiltreis, 9th February 1545.

167. OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel audituris. Willelmus Menteith de Kers, superior immediatus Jacobi Striueling de Keir terrarum subscriptarum. Salutem in Domino semperernam. Quia suprema domina nostra Regina, per literas suas, sub sigilli sui magni testimonio, cum auctoramento et consensu carissimi consanguinei sui et tutoris, Jacobi Aranie Comitis, Domini Hamiltoun, regui sui protectoris et gubernatoris, michi directas, precepit et mandauit quatenus Alexandrum Drummond de Carnock et Matheum Hamiltoun de Mylubarne, in defectu dicti Jacobi Striueling, iacti in immediatos tenentes terrarum de Eistir et Westir Vehiltreis, eam incolendino et suis pertinenciis, jacentium infra vicecomitatum de Linlythgw, et per annexationem infra vicecomitatum de Striueling, equaliter recuperem, ac ipsos heredos suos et assignatos in eisdem equaliter infeodalrem, ut poti in prefatis litoris michi desuper directis latibus continetur: Quarum tenor sub hae verba sequitur serie: Maria Dei gratia Regina Scotorum, dilecto nostro Willelmo Menteith de Kers . . . . Quia terre de Eistir et Westir Vehiltreis . . . . que Thome Bischope prius hereditarie pertinuerat, per ipsum de dicto Jacobo Striueling immediate tente, in manibus nostris detinuerunt, et nobis ratione eschete ob forisfaeturam rite super dictum Thomam deductam pertinent, pro certis proditorie et nostre lese maiestatis criminibus per ipsum commissis, de quibus in parlamento nostro eenuerit exitit: Volentes tamen per huiusmodi nullum preindictum nec lesionem prefato Jacobo in sua superioritate dictarum tenerum . . . . generari, immo potius de vicecententi seu tenentibus ad huiusmodi provideri, dilectos nostros, Alexandrum Drummond de Carnock, et Matheum Hamiltoun de Mylubarne immediatos tenentes sibi dictarum terrarum . . . . cum auctoramento et consensu . . . . Jacobi Aranie comitis . . . . regui nostri protectoris et gubernatoris presentauimus, sibi precipiens quatenus, dictos Alexandrum et Matheum in immediatas



tenentes sibi earundem equaliter recuperet, ac ipsis eorum heredes et assignatos in eisdem equaliter infunderet, prout in dicta nostra presentatione sibi desuper directe plenus continetur: Cui presentationi in primis fuit, nec alii nostris presentationibus in secunda et tertia nostra cassellarie formis, sibi etiam desuper directis, percepit, veluti etiam certiora instrumenta desuper levatae praeponunt: Tibi igitur, cum auctoramento et consensu propositi nostri et suis consanguinei et tutoris, precepimus et mandamus quatenus, dictos Alexandrum et Mathoum, in defunctu dicti Jacobi Striving, in humectis tenentes sibi praedictarum terrarum . . . . e predictis recipias, ac ipsis eorum heredes et assignatos in eisdem equaliter infundas, per duas cartas et sasinas, per eos suos heredes et assignatos, de te, preceps Willelmus Menteith, et heredibus tuis, adiutoriis tuis, adiutoriis in futurum tenendarum, ac si dictus Thomas huiusmodi, ante dictam forrisfacturam, de promissione Jacobo tenet hereditatis infundos. Et presentes literes, per te vissas et intelligetas, carnudem lateti reddas: Datum sub testimonio nostri magistri sigilli, apud Lindlyngw, decimo die mensis Decembris, anno regni nostri tertio: Niceritis igitur me, huiusmodi literis et mandatis compulsum, deditis, concessisse, et haec presenti carta mea confirmasse . . . . presbiter Mathew Hamiltoun heredibus suis et assignatis, totam et integrum ducat licetatem prefatarum terrarum de Hirst et Wostie Vobiltreis . . . . Tenetam et habendam . . . . d' me et heredibus meis in fisco et hereditate imperpetuum . . . . Revidendo inde annuatim . . . . jura et servitia . . . . prius debita et consueta . . . . In eius rei testimonium sigillum monum proprium huic presenti charte mea, manu mei subscripte, est apposita, apud Edinburgh, nono die mensis Februario, anno Domini millesimo quingentosimo quadragesimo quinto, coram his testibus, Dominis consiliis supreme domine nostre Regine.

WILLEM MENTH<sup>T</sup> of W. Kers.

PROCESS OF DISPENSATION for the Marriage of David Watsoun and Margaret Strivilyng.  
3rd June 1545.

168. VNIUERSIS et singulis sancte matris ecclesio filiis ad quorum noticias presentes littere peruerterint, quae et infra scriptum tangit negotium, seu tangere poterit quomodolibet in faturum, Jacobus Cottis, Canonicus ecclesie metropolitane Glasguensis, ac de Carrstaris in eadem Presbiterius, commissarius et excuator vna cum generalibus viris, Decano ecclesie metropolitane Glasguensis et Officiale Glasguensi, nostris in haec parte collegis, ad dispensandum convoluti in unius opere, id est, da locutis viris et in decim in dieribus, cum haec clausula, litteram vestram et omillit vestrum ad infra scripta, a sede apostolica et ipsis sacre penitentiarie specialiter constituti: Salutem in Domino



sempiternam, et prescribendas solum invidiam nullibet: Ex parte dilectorum nobis in Christo, David Watson, laici Glasguensis diocesis, et Margrete Strivilyng mulieris eiusdem diocesis, coram nobis oblata petitio continebat: quod ipsi exponentes alias scientes se in quarto et quarto gradibus consanguinitatis inuidem attinere: et quia, stante dicto impedimento, matrimonium inter se licite contrahere, nec in eodem permanere possunt aut valeant, absque sedis apostolice dispensatione legitime: ideo nobis humiliciter supplicari fecerunt ipsis super his de remedio prouidere oportet, ut propter certas rationabiles causas cum ipsis exponentibus, secundum tenorem subiungente exmissionis, dispensare dignarentur: Nos igitur attendentes huiusmodi requisitionem facere justam et rationi consonam, volentesque mandatum apostolicae nobis commissum perimplere, receptis prius nonnullis testibus fidei dignis, ad spem Dei euangelia iuratis, per quorum depositiones defacto compertum habuimus, dictos David et Margretam in quarto et quarto consanguinitatis gradibus inuidem attinere, alioque et singula in dicta petitione contenta et narrata, esse et veritate fideliri: Nos igitur auctoritate apostolicae nobis commissa, et quia fungimur in hac parte, reputamus et incolumis ipsis exponentibus in omnibus ad huiusmodi dispensationis gratia obtinentibus, habiles et ydoneos, dictamque Margretam propter hoc rajonem non fuisse ab aliquo: Demam eum ipsis, David eoram nobis personaliter comparente, et Margrete Strivilyng in personam Johannis Strivilyng de Craibarnacii sui procuratoris ad hoc constituti, et ad janua prostratis huius litere fieri potentibus, quod non obstatibus impedimentoo quarti et quarti consanguinitatis gradu antedicto, alioque premissis, matrimonium in facie ecclesie, per verba de presenti, solemnizare et in eodem postquam solemnizatum fuerit, libere et licite possint et valeant permanere, misericorditer in Domino duximus dispensandum, pro ut tenore presentium dispensandum: proponimus scriplos inter eosdem suscipiendam legitimam docentes: bannis tamen, et aliis solemnitatibus in matrimonio fiendo solitis, premissis non obstantibus, observatis: Se puer tenor commissionis principalis: Antonius miseratione diuina Episcopus Sabiniensis, discretis viris, Decano, et Jacobo Cottis Canonicis, ecclesie Glasguensis, ac Officio di Glasguensi. Salutem in Domino: Sedi apostolice indefessa clementia ut, deinceps peruigil ad ea potissimum circumspectionis sue oculos dirigat, per que animorum Christi fidelium salati, eorumque tranquillitat et paci consultare, rigorum juris propter ea mansuetudine temperans, et quod sacerorum causam prolibent, resiliens de gratia benignitatis indulgens: pro ut temporum et personarum qualitate pensata: Id in Domino scholioriter expedire cognoscet, et ut Christi fideli, qui ob viarum longinquitatem et discrimini ad sedem ipsam proferea comode recuerit, habere non valent, ne ob id patienter, personis prouibus et circumspectis desuper vias suas diligenter cons



mittere consuevit: Sane pro parte dilectorum nobis in Christo. Mauricii Clerk, perpetui Vicarii de Kilmaremek, et Hugois Curry, etiam perpetui Vicarii seu Com mendatarii de Howme. Glasguensis dioecesis, fuit propositum curam nobis: quod in regno Scotie, et insulis illi subiectis, plures sunt viri et mulieres quarto consanguinitatis et affinitatis gradu coniuncti, et se affinentes, se mibiles honestatis justitie, et cognatione spirituali impediti, quorum aliqui ex rationabilibus causis inuidem matrimonialiter copulari: aliqui vero, qui huiusmodi impedimenta ignorantes vel scientes, matrimonium contraxerunt, et inter quos, si fuerit dimidium, gravis possint exinde scandala preuenire, in eorum matrimonio remanere desiderant: sed quia id absque sedis apostolice dispensatione ferre, et propter virum longam patitatem et discrimina, ad dictam sedem, pro dispensatione ipsa concede necesse aut mittere nequit, eorum rationabili desiderio frustrantur: vel in eorum matrimonii, non sine magno eorum animarum periculo illicia remanere contingit: Quare dicti exponentes supplicari fecerunt humiliiter, eis super his, per seculum eandem misericorditer precibilibus: Nsigitur, huiusmodi supplicationibus inclinati, auctoritate domini pape, cuius penitentiarie curam gerimus, et de eius speciali et expresso mandato super hoc viri, vocis oraculo nobis facto; discretioni vestre et cuilibet vestrum committimus, quatenus eum duodecim copulis, videlicet, cum duodecim viris et totidem mulieribus, Glasguensis, Dunblanensis, Lesmorensis, et Sodorensis sine Insularum civitatem et dioecesum, quos ad hoc dicti Mauritius et Hugo insimul, ac duobus aut unius vestrum, duxerint remanentes, super impedimentis quarti gradus, simplicis, duplicis, triplicis aut multiplicis consanguinitatis aut affinitatis, ac primi, secundi, tertii et quarti graduum publica, honestate, justicie, similiter, simplicis, duplicis, triplicis, aut multiplicis, etiam si alter e singulis seu contrahere volentium primo, secundo aut tertio, alter vero quarto consanguinitatis et affinitatis gradu distarent, ac cognationis spiritualis inter baptizatum seu baptizatam, aut confirmationem seu confirmationem, et filios baptizantis aut levamus de sacro fonte seu crismantis, aut tenentis in confirmatione, quod impedimentis huiusmodi equalitate vel disiunctio non obstantibus, qui nonnullum contraxerint etiam si huiusmodi impedimenta ignorantes vel scientes, antea sese plures carnaliter cognoverint et predeum procreauerint: Ac qui post contractum ignoranter et etiam consummatum seu contractum scienter et non consummatum matrimonium diuertiae fuerint: etiam si post sententiam diuortii sese carnaliter cognoverint, matrimonium inter se contrahere, et in eis postmodum remanere: Qui vero, etiam ignoranter vel scienter, etiam carnaliter, matrimonium etiam presumptum contrahent et consummante fuerint, etiam si antea sese carnaliter cognoverint: exceptis his, qui ex consanguinitate et non affinitatis impedimentis impediti, huiusmodi impedimento scientes, matrimonium contraxerint et consummaverint.



cum quibus per vos dispensari posse nullatenus, volumus ut in eorum contracto matrimonio remanere, illudque in fidei ecclesie, si opus fuerit, solemnizare libere et licite valeant dispensare, dummodo mulieres ipso propter hoc ab aliquo rapto non fuerint; proles susceptas et suscipientes exinde legitimas governare: nomen vero, qui scienter et seu clandestine contraxerint, aut prius sese carnaliter cognoverint, ab excommunicationis sententia incestus reatu et excessuets huiusmodi, pro ut opus fuerit, prius et ante omnia absoluere se etiam penitentiam salutarem et alia que de jure fuerint iniungenda, iniungere libere et licite possentis, tempore presentium licentiam concilium facultatem: vires nostras in his vatis plenarie eximimenter. Non obstatibus apostolicis ac prouincialibus et synodalibus constitutionibus et ordinationibus, ceterisque contrariis quibuscumque: Presentibus post quinquaginta minima validitatis. Volamus auctoritate quod dupla seu regesta dispensationum, quis vigore presentium fieri contigerit, sub sigillo auctoritatis et in forma auctoristica nobis, et officio nostro penitentiare apostolice, quantoq[ue] poteritis transmittere tenetamini eum effectu, et numerum episcopularum huiusmodi non excedatis, nec in aliis, preterquam in presentibus literis expressis gradibus dispensare, neque huiusmodi facultate, elapsu dieo quinquaginta, uti quinquaginta libet presumatis decernentes, quem si contra voluntatem resistam huiusmodi fieri contigerit, et inde pro tempore sequenti quemcumque nullius existere roboris vel momenti: Datum Rome, apud Sanctum Petrum, sub sigillo officii penitentiariae, illi kalendas Martii, pontificatus domini Pauli pape tertii, anno nono: In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium premissorum, has presentes literas nostras, sive presens publici instrumentum, processum huiusmodi dispensationis nostre, in se continentes, et per notarium publicum subscriptum, ut struc in presenti processu scilicet dari, et subscriri, et publicari mandemus: sigillique nostri jussiunt et fuijus oppositione communiri: Datum et actum in civitate Glasguensi, in d[omi]no diei domini Jacobi Cottis, Rectoris de Carstaris, die tertio mensis Iunij, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo quinto, inductione tercia, pontificatusque sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Pauli divina prouidentia pape tertii, anno undecimo, circa horam octauam ante meridiem: Presentibus fideli, Waltero Park, Willielmo Boehmhaunen, Jacobo Camerone, et domino Johanne Audrosone, capellano et notario publico, testibus ad preuissa rectis, pariter et regatis.

Et ego Johannes Morison, presbiter Glasguensis diocesis, sacra auctoritate apostolica notarius: Quia, etc.

JOHANNES MORISON.



ARTICLES of AGREEMENT between the Lord Governor [Arrene] and the Privy Council and  
George Striueling of Glorat, Captain of Dunbertane Castle, 1st April 1545.

169. AT Edinburcht the first day of Aprile, the zeir of God, 1<sup>9</sup> Vi: xlv zeiris: In presens of my Lord Gouvernour and Lordis of Seuerit Comysde, comperit James Porterfield, seruand to George Striueling of Glorat, Capitane of the Castell of Dunbertane, and in his name and behalf giff in thir articulis and desiris, of the quilkil the tenour followis, to gilder with my Lord Gouvernour and Lordis of Preue Counsele anser thairto. In the First: Plesit zoure gracie and lordschipis to grant me ane generall remission to me, my kin, freindis, tenauntis and partakaris, samony as I will giff in bll, for all crymes and offences committit be me, or ony of myne, in tymes bygane, in contrair sure souerane lady and my lord gouvernour: and ane remission to be extendit in the largist forme, with all clausis n ilfull: My Lord Gouvernour and Lordis of Comysde grants this artikle: Seconellie: Plesit zoure gracie and lordschipis to gif me ane letter of tak and assedatioun of the said Castell and Fortofice of Dunbertane, induring the quenis grace minorite, I finding sufficient caucion, landit men, that the said hous be obseruert and keptit to the quenis grace and the aneiorite: My Lord Gouvernour and Lordis of Preue Counsele grants this article: Thridlie: Becons the landis roatis and possessiounis of the said Castell ar waitsit and distroyit, and I had nothing to sustene the said hous, I intromettit with certane virtuallis of the 1<sup>9</sup> merk land of Kipatrik, and Kirk of the samin, partenyng to my Lord of Paslay: thairfair plesit zoure gracie and lordschipis to recompens and pay the said oblit, and caus him to gif me ane discharge of the samin: My Lord Gouvernour and Lordis of Preue Counsele grants this article, and hes tane on hand to ples my lord of Paslay: Furdlie: That zoure gracie and lordschipis wald graunt me ane culuering bastard, twa culuering menis, six hagbutis of erek, with pouder and bulletis, forand thairto for defens of the said hous: My Lord Gouvernour and Lordis of Preue Counsele grants ane myng, with sic vther gunnis and small artailzeris as is necessar for keping of the said hous, pouder and bulletis efferand thairto: Fiftlie: Becons the landis of the said Castell ar distroyit, and I get na males nor dewiteis to sustene my seruandis, nor to pay thair feyis: thairfair that zoure lordschip grant me thre hundreith crownis of the sone, to pay seruandis feidis, and to by fische and flesche and fuale to sustene the place: My Lord Gouvernour and Lordis of Preue Counsele grants the seyme of iiiii li. to this effect: Sextlie: Becons we haue obseruert and keptit the said place leelic and traxle turck of our synneis handis, and thair partakaris in tymis bigane, and in tymes cuming, will God, sal obserue and keip the samin: thairfair ples zoure lordschip to me by no



ane rewarde thairfair, gif zeure lordisshippis thinkis that we have deseruict the same. My Lord Gouverour and Lordis of Privie Causale thinkis that this Capitane shal be rewardit: Sevintlie: That zeure lordishipp wald discharge me of the fermes of Inchynnane, incommittit with me use of this myre fair, and in the meynetyne that zeure lordishipp wald discharge the Maister of Sampill, and all otheris of my incommision trouffing or impellent making to the same fermis of the said fairs lepe of the present zdr; and siclike that we may haue oþre obligacion, of wairdene subseruit be my Lord Gouverour in the sickerest forme that may haue nescit: My Lord Gouverour and Lordis of Privie Causale has grauntis this actis, and has tyme on hand to pleis the Maister of Sampill: and the said Maister of Sampill being personalie present, has consentit heiro; providit always that the said Capitane agreeit with na mair in tymes comynge: Auchthie: Pleis zeure grace and lordishipp to mollify me and zeirle leving in tymes comynge for defens of the said place, and in the meynetyne my pleze and souirteis to remane saleng as I get payment of the said leving: off the quhilk that my plego and souirteis be contentit of: My Lord Gouverour and Lordis of Causale ar ellis the syngar of v. 10. mire gair partie to the said Capitane for defens of the said place, inhering the ryne of wairdene in glond and Scotland, by the fermes and thingis the saidis the saidis has ellis: and in ryne of resce, my Lord Gouverour and Lordis of Causale sal e. 50. sc. 6. bobs to be payit at the awin proper dewiteis: For the fulfilling of the quhilkis John Ruthyng capteyn of that ilk.

<sup>1</sup> of Bischepston, and John Sander of B. sande ar becum crufenoris and souirteis, condictly and generaly to the said Capitane, that the said Place and Castell of Dunbarre ar the Capitane and his, to the quhilk grace, indurand his minorite to my lord gouverour, and that the said Capitane sal nocht resse na Ingilshame, nor na wairdene of Ingelre, nor na sal resse in the Erle of Leuinax, nor none of his sonnes, nor na mair sonnes nor neare sonnes of Ingland; and gif any seisenis or writingis comynis fr. the King of Ingland, or the Erle of Leuinax, or any other thair faworis, that the said Capitane soll tak the mes and writingis, and bring them or send them to my Lord Gouverour and Lordis of Causale: Item: That the said Capitane be him self his souirteis and partickularis sal nocht expres reif, or do na wrong in the entirre of offisoneis, but he is in justnes, nor soll resse na me within the place that is sic thare: Item: That he soll sete ledele and trouble my Lord Gouverour all tymes aperte in the saler respectit under the pane of x<sup>th</sup> in this: Item: That the said Capitane soll haue seid he quoniis to my Lord Gouverour and Lordis of Causale, 1000. and sp. of all the processes vnder the



said pane: Item: That the said Capitane soll deliver his sone and aire in the Castell of Sempill, to remane with him in plege and keping, betwix this and the xv day of Aprile instant; and to ly in plege for the observing and fulfylling of the premissis: and the said Lord Birdis and oblyssis him that he soll kepy the said Capitanis sone surerie, and soll deliver him to no maner of personis, but to my Lord Gouvernour quhen he is repurifit therinto, as he will answer to my Lord Gouvernour vpon his vremaynt charge: And as to that their plege ordynit to be deliuerit to my Lord Gouvernour, that is to say, Walter Stirling, brother to the said Capitane, the day of the dait of thir presentis, the said Walter is enterit as said is: And becaus it is in speciale convenit betwix my Lord Gouvernour and Lordis of Privie Counseil and the said Patrik [sic, sed lege Capitain] and sonerteis feirsaidis; that ane remission, ane letter of tak, ane discharge of the vissimis of the Kirk of Kilpatrik takin vp by the said Capitane, the sovyn of iff lib, and ane cubering mynes with part of powder, salbe deliuerit to the said Capitane within xv dais; that in eis the sainis be nocht deliuerit within the said xv dayis, the saidis actis touching the saidis sonerteis to be expirit and to be null in the self: Extracion de libro actorum per me, Magistrum Jacobum Foulis de Collinton, clerulum regalorum registri ac consilii supreme de dic-  
nostre Reginie, sub meis signis et subscriptione in quadibas.

JACOBUS FOULIS.

GRANT by Queen Mary, with consent of the Regent Arran, to George Stirling of Glorat, of the office of Captain of the Castle of Dumbarton, 25th April 1545.

170. MARY by the grace of God Queen of Scots, to all and sundry our beldies and subjects quham it occirs, to quibus knyghtis their our letters sal oua. Greeting: Wit ye us, with advice, consent, and authority of our dearest crusing and tutor, James Earle of Arran, Lord Hamilton, Proctour and Gouvernour of our realme, to have made constitut and ordynit, and by thir our letters makis constituents and ordains our lovite, George Stirling of Glorat, his heirs or assigneys, Captains, Constables and Keepers of our Castle of Dumbarton, vñck the said George now breuks and keeps, for all the dayes and terms of nine years next and immediately following the day of the date hereof: Givand granted and committand to them our full power and speciall mandat to minister in the said office of captainis, and to use and exercys the samen in all things pertyning thereto, and to make constables or deputis, ane or mae, under them in the said office, for whom they shal be ladden to answer for usyng and exercysing at the said office, and for the good tyme and thankfull service done and to be done to us and our successors, by the said George, with



advice consent and authority of our said Tootour and Gouverneur, we have given, grantit, assigned, and dispone, and be thir our letters gives, grants, assignes, and dispone to him, his airis and assigneys, all lands, annuals, fees, customes and duteis, aught and pertaining to the keeping of our said Castle of befor; with power to them to hold courts upon the saids lands, and to take up the inlaws, amerclaments, and escheats thereof, and gif neid beis to poynd and distreinzie therefor; and to remove, change, input, and output tennents thereof, siflike and als freely as any other Captains of our said Castle might have done of before, freely, quietly, well, and in peace, but any revocation or again calling whatsover: Quhairnor wee chaire ge straitly and comand you, all and sundry our knyfes and sublis, for said that none of you take upon hand to make any impediment, lett, or distruallance to the said George, his heirs or assigneys, in the keeping of our said Castle, and in the up-taking of all lands, annuals, fees, customes, and duties pertaining thereto, during the saids nine years, after the tenor of thir our letters, under all highest pain and charge that after may follow: Given under our privie seal at Edinburgh, the 25th day of April, the year of God 1545 years, and of our reigne the third year.

Per Signaturam manu domini Gouverneuris subscriptam.

Litera GEORGI STIRLING de Glorat.

LETTER by the Regent Arran, in the name of Queen Mary, to the Lords of Session, ordaining them to desist from proceeding in any actions of spulzie against George Striueling of Glorat, 19th March 1546.

REGINA.

171. CHANCELLARE, President and Lordis of oure Counsale and Sessioun: We geit zow hertlie weill: Forsamkle as oure derrest cousing and tutour, James Erle of Arrane, Lord Hammiltoun etc., protecutor and governour of oure realme, at oure assige maid be him at oure Castell of Dumbertane, for safty of the samyn furth of the handis of oure auld inymeis of Ingland, appunxit with George Striueling of Glorat, than Capitane thairof, that oure said governour suld get discharge to him of all spulzis committit to him and his seruandis, sen the deces of vnyquhile oure derrest feir of exode mynd, quham God assolze, fra the personis vpoune quham in the samyn wes committit, with letteris of shamis fra the kin and freindis of all personis vpoune quham thai had committit ony slauchter in the meynytyme; and oure saide governour, to safty the saidis personis spulzeit and kin and freindis, for the saidis galls and slauchteris; and for that eas the said George gaif oure said dischirgit oure said Castell to oure said governour: Howbeit James Hablane of Cramondis, Doubl Campbell of Ardmintynne,



Johnne Simpil of Feildwod, and his tenoris and seruandis, David Watsonne burg. of Dunbertane, Gilbert Kennedy of Balnecanochane, Schir James Jaksonne chaplaine, Maister Williame Hamiltoun, Williame Duthell, and divers vtheris personis, hes rasit and intollis to rai summondis at their instances respectiue, vpon shirly spulzeis of quolis allegit to be committit vponne thame by the said George and his seruandis, intending to persew and recover the sumin heire zow aginst him, and to roial and appris his landis and quolis therfore; in stowis that oure said governour *my next* keip his promit fairsaid maid to the said George; quhilk we and oure said governour, of oure and his honoure, can nocht suffer to be done: Therefore we, with auld constancie and auctorite of oure governour in hisaid praysal, als chargeis zow that incontinent after the sicht heirof, ze desist and ces fra all calling and proceeding vponne any summondis raisit or to be raisit aginst the said George and his seruandis, at the instances of the personis spesificallie aboue nemid, or ony vtheris, for quhatsuneyur spulzeis of quolis allegit to be committit vponne thame, or ony of thame, by the said George and his seruandis, son the lessis of oure said vnglyhite derrest fader, quhill the geving and delivering of oure said Castell to oure said governour; but that ze remit and refer thame to oure said governour, to aggre with him therupon, and he shall safetly thame ressonabillie therfore, conforne to his promit maid to the said George therupon: Discharaging zow all vtherwyres therof, and of your ofice in that part, be thir oure letteris; and that ze mak ane act in zowis hukis hofmome Gevin vnder oure signete, and subseruint be oure said governour, at Edinburcht, the nyntent day of Marche, and of our regne the fift year.

JAMES G.

DECLARATION by the Barons of the Levenax, that George Striueling of Glorat, ought to render the Castle of Dunbertane to the Lord Governor, 13th July 1546.

Apud Dunbarrie xiiiij Julii, anno otc. xvi.

172. THE quhilk day, in presens of my Lord Governor and the Counsall, conperit thir gentilmen vnderwrittin Barons of the Levenax, that is to say, George Borthchallanone of that Ilk, Johnne Culpeper of Luss, Johnne Blaikere of Bishoptoun, James Galbrayth of Culcovich, the Lord of Cowgry, Johnne Lindsay of Belluld, Alexander McCawlay of Arncapill, the Lord of Ardlock, Alexander Douglas of Manys, Johnne Striueling of Criderbarnard, Walter Striueling of Bellergone, Johnne Napier of Kilmahew; and hes all in ane v. thecht necessar and expedient conforne to my Lord Governoris and the Lordis of Counsallis desire, that George Striueling of Glorat Capitane of Dunbarrie sal gaue and render the hous and castell of Dunbertane



to my Lord Gouvernour, to be ordeneit be his grace, with avis of the counsele, in euery behalf, as salbe fumlin expedient: and to that effect salbe devill and red him self and all that is into the said castell within sic terminis as salbe appoyntit to him be my Lord Gouvernour and the Counsele: And in cais he refusis to do the samyn, the sublis lardis baronis and gentilmen tollyis on hand to serue my Lord Gouvernour with their kyn and freydellis, to the recovering of the said hous, as sal pleis my Lord Gouvernour and the Counsele to command them: In witness hofor that haif subseruitt thir presentis with their handis, my. zir. and place feirsibellis.

JAMES GALBRAITH with my hand  
on the pen, led be Neyll Layng  
notar, at my command.

ALEXANDER McCAWLAY of Arn-  
capill with my hand at the  
pen, led be the notar forsaide.

JHON COLQWEECH of Lass.

WALTER STREVLENG of Baylagun.

JHOWN LYNDSAY off Boland.

JHON STIRLING of Cragbarnard.

GEORGE BUCHANNAN of that  
ilk with my hand at the pen,  
led be Neyll Layng notar, at  
my command.

JOHNE NAPP of Kilmahew with  
my hand at the pen, led be the  
notar forsaide.

ALEXANDER DUGLAS of Manys  
with my hand at the pen, led  
be Neyll Layng notar.

JHON BRASSEY of Byschopoun  
wyth my hand.

LICENCE by Queen Mary, with consent of the Renger Argent, to Janet Strindling, the spouse of Thomas Bishop, to remain in England, 28th March 1547.

#### REGINA.

173. Ws. with avis, consent, and autorite of our derest cousing and son, James Erle of Arrane, Lord Haunmylton, &c., Protectour and Gouvernour of our realme, to qualem it is understandin that hir louit Janet Strindling, the spouse of Thomas Bishop, of the speciale licence of hir said governour geyvin to hir at the requeist of freydellis, past to remane with hir said spouse in the partis of Ingland, off new 27. 4. and 27. 5. hir to hir to remane in the sublis partis, thair to do hir erandis and busynes at hir pleasure, for the space of xx dais nexte of ir the day of the daft of thir presentis: And will and grantis, that throu hir passing and remaining in the sublis partis, son hir departing, and in tym cuming during the said space, salo schall mycht incur any danyg or schid in hir person, landis nor godes, nor sal mycht be exlit nor acht, mairor, criminallie nor ciuillie, be any maner of way in tymes cuming: Nochewithstaundyn the weris now



standing beuix ws. our realme and liegis, and the King of Ingland. his realme and liegis; and sielike, nechtwithstanding ony our proclamationis, chargis, or actis of parliament, vthir lawis, consuetudis of our realme maide or tobe maide in the contrar, and pains contentit thairinill; ament the quidikis we dispensis with the said Jonet le thir our letteris; And attour we, with consent and autorite of our governour forsaid, ratify and apprevis all rychtis maide sene air departing furth of our realm and procuratoriis to James Striueling of the Keir, and rope maide during the tyng of this licence to ryn: Subseruict be our said Gouvernour, and gevin vnder our signet, at Sterleng, the xxviii day of Marcht, and of our regne the fyft zere.



COLLATION and INDETION of Sir John Forfar to the Chaplainry of the Virgin Mary  
within the Cathedral Church of Dunblane, 25th January 1549.

174. WILLELMUS. Dei et apostolice scilicet gratia. Episcopus Dunblanensis. Decano nostro Christianitatis eiusdem, sex et cincum alteri capellano super exceptione presentium debite requisito. Salutem cum benedictione divina. Quia capellaniam perpetuam dñe Virginis Maie, infra ecclesiam cathedralm Dunblanensem fundatam, vacautem per puram et simplicem resignationem et dimissionem venerabilis viri D. Joanni Jacobi Blakwod ultimi capellani et possessoris eiusdem, in manibus nostris sponte factam, ad presentationem honorabilis viri Jacobi Striueling de Keir, nostramque collationem ordiuariam, pleno jure, speciantem et perfruentem: dilecto nostro, Domino Johanni Forfar capellano, nobis per dictum Jacobum litteraturie presentato, absenti tangenti presenti, in persona Andree Blakwod eius procuratoris ad hoc specialiter constituti, de eius prourationis mandato nobis per instrumentum publicum, sub signo et subscriptione manuali domini Johannis Lermonti notarii publici subscripti, luculentem constabat, ex data, apud cunctatem Dunblensem, die vicesimo quarto mensis Januarii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragessimo nono: dñe caritatis intuitu, contulimus et per presentes conferimus, cunctumque Domum Johannem, per annuli nostri dicitate Andree eius procuratoris impositionem, investitimus in eadem, curam regimen et administrationem eiusdem, sibi plenarie committentes. Quocirca vobis uestrum cuilibet, in virtute sancte obedientie stricte precipiendo mandamus quatenus



et audeam Dominum Johannem, vel procuratorem suum legittimum, in et ad realem, actualem, et corpoream, seu quasi possessionem dictae capellanie, iurumque et pertinentiarum eiusdem, inducat et iustificet, inducetque et institutionem canonicam defensum; sibiique de illius fructibus, rebusque, iuribus, oblationibus videlicet, integre responderi faciat; contradicentes, si qui tamen fuerint, auctoritate nostra artius compescenda; in signum vero iuramenti institutionis et traditionis possessionis vestre, qui presentes executi fueritis, sigillum vestrum in sceenula eamque post nostram presentibus appendatis, aut per notarium publicum nostra sibi fieri faciat, aperte eundem Dominum Johannem imperpetrum remansuris. In quorum omnibus et singularibus premissorum fidem et testimonium has presentes collationis litteras, similes et proprias publicam instrumentum, per notarium publicum subscriptum subserbi et publicari mandauimus, sigilli que nostri rotundi jussimus et fecimus appellatione communiri. Petrum et actum apud ciuitatem Dunblanensem, in camera scribentia consistorialis eiusdem, i. a. tercia post meridiem vel ecclsea die vicesimo quinto mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quinquecentesimo quadragesimo nono, indictione octava, pontificatus sumerissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Pauli divina praesentia pater torti, anno dicitur sexto, seu saltene ut ait wigo, sede apostolica pastore carente. Presentibus, Mauritio Keire, Willemo Blakwod, Georgio Melros, testibus ad premissa vocatis pariterque regatis.

Et ego Johannes Lernonth, presbiter Sanctiandree dioecesis, a me autoritate apostolica notarius publicus etc.

JOHANNES LERNONTH no. pub.

[L verso.]

In Dei Nominis Amen. Per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cuiuslibet patet evidenter, quod anno Incarnationis Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo nono, mensis vero Januarii die ultime, indictione octava, pontificatus sumerissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Pauli divina praesentia pater torti, anno dicitur sexto, seu saltene, ut ait wigo, sede apostolica pastore carente: In mei notarii tabula et testium subscriptorum presentia, personaliter constitutus venerabilis vir, Dominus Jacobus Blakwod, Capellanus, ac Decanus Christiuitatis Dunblanensis, repusitus per retranscriptum Andream, procuratorem et eo nomine retroscripti Domini Johannis Factor Capellani, cuius procurationis mandato noli clare constabat et retroscribatur, pro institutione retroscriptae capellanie et altaris Beate Marie Virginis, secundum vim formam et tenorem retroscriptae collationis littere sibi directe or presentata, traditione necessit ad altare retroscriptae capellanie et altare Domini Johannis Factor capellani, absenteum tanquam presentem, in persona scilicet Andream Blakwod sibi procuratorem, in realem actualem seu quasi corporalem possessionem prefatae capellane et altaris, per vestimentorum et ubi missalis dicti altaris traditionem et deliberationem, et iuris



est. instituit. induxit et inuestiuit. ac otentia alia et singula in retroscripta collatione litera contenta. vigore eiusdem debite executioni demandauit. Super quibus omnibus et singulis prefatus Andreus. procurator et ex nomine quo supra. a me notario publico subscripto. sibi fieri petitum vnum publicum instrumentum. seu plura publica instrumenta. Acta erant hec in ecclesia cathedrali Dunblanensi apud dictum altare Beatisissime Virginis Marie. hora secunda post meridiem vel exire. sub anno mense die. inductione. et pontificatu quibus supra. Presentibus Iohanne Jacobo Finlayson. et Willielmo Blakwod notario publico. testibus ad premissa vocatis pariterque rogatis.

Et ego Iohannes Lermouth. etc.

**COLLATION** by Willielm (Ceisholm) Bishop of Dunblane to Willielm Blakwood. of the Chaplainry of St. Mary within the Cathedral Church of Dunblane. 3rd February 1549.

175. WILLELMVS. Dei et apostolice sedis gratia. Episcopus Dunblanensis. dilectis nostris Dominis Matheo Muschet. et Georgio Ross. capellani. Salutem. cum benedictione diuina: De vestris prudencia et scientia ipsa vtrumque confidentes vobis. capellani. beatissime Virginis Marie infra ecclesiam cathedralem Dunblanensem fundatam. cuius eam vacare contigerit. per resignationem seu dimissionem Domini Joannis Foster. nunc capellani et possessoris eiusdem. seu per procuratorem suum. al hoc legitime constitutum. cum omnibus suis iuribus et pertinentiis: idoneo clero. Willielmo Blakwood. vigore presentationis nobilis viri. Jacobi Strineling de Keir. patroni eiusdem. conferendi et assignandi. et de eadem cum plenitude juris sui nisi praesulendi; ac eundem Willelmum. vel procuratorem suum legitimum. in redem. actualem. et corporalem seu quasi possessionem dictae capellanie. iurisque et pertinentiarum eiusdem. in ducandi et induci faciendi. curam. regimen. et administrationem eiusdem. sibi plenarie committendi: ceteraque omnia et singula faciendi. gerendi. et exercendi que in promissis circuque ea necessaria fuerint seu etiam oportuna. nostra haec vice tenore presentium committimus potestatem et facultatem impetravimus vobis coniunctim et dividim. Datum sub sigillo nostro rotundo. via cum nostra manuali subscriptio. apud ciuitatem Dunblanensem die tertio mensis Februario. anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo nono.

WILLELMUS Episcopus Dunblanensis.

**DISPENSATION** by James Strineling of Keir to Sir Willielm Blakwood.  
3rd February 1549.

176. In Dei Nomine Amen. Per hoc presens publicum Instrumentum cunctis pteat cui



denter, quod anno Incarnationis Domini millesimo quingentisimo quadragesimo nono, mensis Februarii die tertio, inflictione octaua, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Pauli divina providentia Pape tertii, anno decimo sexto. In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia, personaliter constitutus nullus vir, Jacobus Strueling de Keir, patronus laicus capellani et alteris Beatisissime Marie Virginis in insula beriati manu ecclésie cathedralis Dunblanensis fundatae exiit, quod alias presentauit Willielmus Blakwod, clericus ciuitatis Dunblanensis, charactere clericali insignitum, ad dictam capellaniam, reverendo patrem Willielmo Episcopo Dunblanensi, pro sua collatione desuper habenda: et quamquam datus Willielmus non sit presbiter de presenti, idem Jacobus licentianit, tolleravit, et admissit ipsam Willielmum, ac secum dispensauit, prout tenore presentis instrumenti licetiat, tollerat, et admissit eundem secumque dispensat, ad acceptandam dictam capellaniam, et libere gerendam eundem, cum uniuersis suis fructibus, emolumentis, et partimentis, viuaciam alio seruitio capellana seruitio seu beneficio, cum cura aut sine cura, in ecclésia antedicta sive alibi, usque commode ad sacros etiam presbiteratus ordines promoveri poterit: domino de illa capellania debitis seruitiis non fraudetur, sed per ydoneum capellorum deseruatur, secundum tenorem principis fundationis eundem. Super quibus omnibus et singulis prout et Willielmus Blakwod a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petit unum publicum instrumentum, seu plura publica instrumenta. Acta erant hec in villa Arclid locata Dunblanensis, infra ciuitatem Dunblanensem, hora nona ante meridiem vel circa, sub anno, mense, die, inflictione et pontificatu quibus supra. Presentibus ibi Iohanne Andrea Blakwod et Johanne Moris ne notariis publicis, testibus ad premissam actis peritopie rogatis.

Et ego Johannes Lermouth presbiter Sanctiandree diocesis sancti acutoritatis ap-  
tulica notarius publicus etc.

JOHANNES LEIRMONTH notarius publicus.

LETTERS of PROMOTION by Robert Bishop of Orkney, of William Blakwod to the  
Order of Sub-Deacon, 14th March 1550.

177. ROBERTUS miseratione diuina Orcadianus Episcopus. Uniuersis et singulis sancte matris ecclésie fīiis, ad quorum noticias presentes literē permuterint. Salutem in omnium Salvatorem. Neueritis quod nō die date presentium, videlicet, Sabbato ante Dominicam de Passione, in ecclésia Monasterii de Jelbrought, diocesis diocesis, virtute com-  
missionis domini commissarii generalis Orkianus, vicario generali in rebus agenti, ac sede eiusdem vacante; ecclésias, tunc generales quam spiculæ, ministrantes et cele-  
brantes, dilectum nobis in Christo filium, Willielmum Blakwod acceptum Dunblanensis  
diocesis, pro titulo capellaniarum Beatae Marie infra ecclésiam cathedralim Dunblanensis



habentem, diligenter examinatum in scientiis, moribus et aliis requisitis, ydoneum et habilem repertum, per nostrum manum impositionem, ad sacrum subdiaconatus ordinem rite et canonice duximus promotionem, eam lempre promovimus. In causa rei testimonium presertim, manu notarii nostri pro tempore subscriptis, signatum nostrum est affixum, apud Ellburgh, decimo quarto die mensis Martij, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo, et nostre consecrationis anno vii.

Magister JACOBUS SKENE notarius publicus,  
de mandato predicti reverendi patris.

RENTENCLATION by Mr. Abraham Creichtone, Provost of Dunglass, &c., of his right to the Chaplainry of St. Mary, within the Cathedral Church of Dunblane, 7th December 1551.

178. Ix Dei Nomine. Amen: Pec hoc presens publicam Instrumentum enetis patet evidenter, quod anno Incarnationis Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo primo, mensis vero Decembris die septimo, iudicione decima, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Iulii dictius presidencia pape tertii, amitterio: In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia, personaliter constitutus, Magister Abraham Creichtone, Procuratus de Dunglass ad Officium Sancti Andreæ infra Archidiaconatum Landonie, pretendens se habere jus ad capellaniam perpetuam Dñe Virginis Marie infra ecclesiam cathedralen Dunblanensem fundationem et situatam, vigore cuiusdem asserte signatae a solo apostolice disuper obtente per eum: dixit quod noluit dominum Willmum B' kwyd capellum, in pacifice possessione et gaisione diece capellanie quam prius canonicæ obtinerat, quoniammodo molestare: Proprietas, proprio motu et spontanea voluntate, non i' aut motu dictus, nec compulsus aut coactus, vel fraude circumventus, cumibus nulloribus, modo, via, jure, et forma, quibus melius et efficacius poterit et debuit, publice et expresse renuntiavit huiusmodi signature per ipsum ut assurit obtente: necnon appellationi seu appellationibus disuper ad sedem prædictam interpretante seu interpositis contra eundem dominum Willmum, occasione eius capellanie prenominate: namcum assertis intimationi et notificationi, seu notificationibus et intimationibus appellationis et appellationum huiusmodi, ac citationi et citacionibus, dictum dominum Willmum eo pretextu, utque etiam juri, illi cause, actioni, proprietati et possessioni quod seu p'p' habeit habet seu habere poterit seu possit ad superiorum capellaniam, utrum leibusmodi signature aut aliquocumque modo, promisitque nibi notario publico subscripto s' quibus vice et nomine omnium et singulorum quorum interest, redplens se contra dictam renuntiationem, nun-



quam per se, vel alium seu alios, directe vel indirecte, publice vel occulte, quousquecumque colore vel ingenio, deuenire, sub pena in jure desuper contentis: Super quibus omnibus est singulis, prelibatus dominus Willelmus, a me notario publico subscripto, sibi fieri petit instrumentum seu instrumenta: Acta erant lea in ecclesia Beati Egidi de Edinburgh, lea, consistoriali eiusdem, die septimo menses Decembris, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo primo, hora duodecima in nocte vel oscula, coram his testibus, Magistro Johanne Spens, Thoma Hart, Magistro Alexandro Drummond, I. Jacobo Cheisholme, Domino Edmundo Cheisholme, et Georgio Melros, testibus ad premissa vocatis pariter per rogatis.

Et ego Andreas Blakwood, clericus Sanctiandree diocesis, publicus sacra auctoritate apostolica notarius, &c.

ANDREAS BLAKWOOD.

CHARTER by the Dean and Chapter of Dunblane to James Stryueling of Keir, of the lands of Auchynby, 23rd March 1549.

179. OMNES hanc cartam visaris vel audiatis, Willelmus Gordoni Dugamus, et Capitulum ecclesie cathedralis Dunblanensis. Salutem in Domino sumptuosa: Non oitis nos, unanimi consensu et assensu, ad hec capitulo citiori anno 2000, nostra deliberacione et longo tractatu prehabitis, utilitateque et conuenientia nostris et clericis nostri capituli videlicet preuisis pensatis et consideratis, et presertim in augmentatione vestri rentalis huius nostri capituli, etiam ad summam tres decim solidorum et quartum denariorum monetae usualis regni Scotie, plusquam vnguia terrae subscrive nobis aut predecessoribus nostris antea personaverunt: neenam pro incremento pedie joiri regnum Scotie, ac aliis iustis rationabilibus causis ad hec nos impellentibus, cum expressis consensu et assensu renouandi in Christo patris et domini, domini Willielmi Dunblanensis Episcopi, delisse, concessisse, locasse, et ad fecundificatio[n]em seu amplificationem hereditarie dimis- . . . . . accedente ad hoc consensu summi pontificis, honorabilis vir Jacobus Stryueling de Keir, suis hereditibus et assignatis quibuscumque, totas et integras terras nostras de Auchynby cum pertinentiis, annexis et connexis, nobis deo me et capitulo antedictis pertinentes, iacentes infra vicecomitatum de Perth, et seneccatuum de Stratheue, inter terras de Langrig ex boreali et orientali, primum et terras de Kippendev ex australi, ac terras vulgo numeratas Drumisgoune ex occidentali partibus. Tertio, s et les- bendas totas et integras terras et terras predictas . . . . . profitio Jacobo Stryueling et suis hereditibus et assignatis quibuscumque, de nobis et suorum viris a striis, in fecundifica[n]em seu amplificationem hereditarie imperpetuum . . . . . Solvendo inde annuatim



... nobis et successoribus nostris, decanis et capitulo Dunblanensibus, pro tempore existentibus . . . . sumiam quaq[ue]ginta solidorum monete usualis regni Scotie, sicut prius ante confectionem presentium nobis et predecessoribus nostris . . . . persolutum extiterat: Neenon tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios dictae monete in augmentum nostri centalis plus quam vnguam prius persolverunt; extenderentes annuatim ad sumam quatuor mensem temporibus futuris, ad duos anni terminos, festa vobelecer Penthiesostos et Sancti martini in hyeme, per equales porciones, nomine feedifirme distribuendam, domino Willielmo Drummondie sacriste dictae ecclesie cathedralis et suis successoribus sacristis ejusdem . . . . Reservatis tamen nobis decano, capitulo, et successoribus nosris, neenon prefato reuenerendo patri, et suis successoribus Episcopis Dunblanensibus, ac etiam presbiteris, ciuibus et incolis ciuitatis Dunblanensis, et omnibus inhabitandibus eadem, et infra eadem, communibus et liberis introitu et exitu ac passagio, v[er]is sufficiendis in longitudine et latitudine, absque obstatu et impedimento quibuscunque, pro predictis terris, ad vehendum et duendam, per legas, trahas, seu vulgariter wens et caris, focalia, vobelecer, petis, turris, ladeir, lapides, ligna, lie, daffectis, felis, et quecumque alia pondera portabilia ad ciuitatem Dunblanensem, seu alibi, ubi optes fuerit, ad eorum libitum . . . . In eius rei testimonium, sigillum communis dicti nostri capitulo ac sigillum rotundum prefati reuenerendi patris, in signatu sic censensus, viauua nostris subscriptionibus manusibus, presentibus sunt appensa, apud ciuitatem Dunblanensem, die vicesimo tertio mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo nono, coram his testibus, Magistro Malcolmo Cleish, mo, Willielmo Blakwell.

JACOBUS KENYON Chancellerius Dunblanensis.

JACOBUS WILSON Rector de Gledoun.

JOHANNES HAMILTON Preb[endar]ius de Kippa.

GEORGES WAWANE Archipolyaconus Dunblanensis.

JACOBUS BLAKWELL Subp[ro]curator Dunblanensis.

[Dors.] Predicta 12 Janii 1576 coram Andrea Episcopo Dunblanensi.

GRANT by John Hamiltoun of Pardow, with consent of his curators, to James Strindling of the Keir, of the ward of Balkindrochit, 7th May 1550.

180. Be it kend till all men be thir present letteris, me, Johnie Hamiltoun of Pardow, with awis and consent of Johnie Colquhoun of Lwss, and Mairi, daies Colquhoun, iurie of Lwss, my curatouris, my vtilite and profit afor seine, in maner following. That becauys ane honorable man, James Strindling of the Keir, havand the ward unto



entries of the landis of Pardowy, and the lordship of the samyn, togidder with my mariage, and dowbling of my tochir, be resoun that I marist, by the avis of the said James, superior of the saidis landis and lard-ship of Pardowy, hes infest and entit me to the feirsaidis landis and lordship of the samyn be particular preceptis for saising, as air to my vinephile fader, gulschire, grantschire, and forgrandschire, and hes remittit to me the profitit that he mycht haue had of my mariage, and dowbling therof, with the profitit of certane ward landis of Pardowy, induring my lessage, and is oblist to content and pay to me the sovynge of fyfe hundred merkis, gale and vsuals money of Scotland, and siclike is obliste to warrand and relif me of the zeirliq sustentacion of the airis of Bellindrocht as at mair leith is content in ane contract mair beind the said James and me, with consent of my saidis curatouris, off the daft, at Cobler, the last day of November, the zeir of God I<sup>o</sup> V, and fourty nyne yeris: Thairfor, and for the cawsis afair expremit, I, with consent of my saidis curatouris, hes g<sup>t</sup> in, grantit and disponit, and be the tennour of thir presentis, giftis, grantis and disponis to the said James Striueling of the Keir, his airis and assignis, the ward, relief, and vnu-entries of fyfe pund land of Balkindrocht, fyfe pund land of Hawistoun, fyfe pund land of Bloquharne and Boghows, and the fyfe pund land of Bankell and Kirktown, with the pertinentis, quilk pertainit to vinephile Androw Striueling of Balkindrocht, heretabillie haldin be hya of vinephile Alane Hammiltoun, t<sup>e</sup> f<sup>o</sup> shaw, my fader, land within the shirefdom of Striueling, and pertenand to me throu the deces of the said vinephile Androw: Togidder with the mariage and marriages of Jonet and Marion Striuelingis, dochteris and airis to the said vinephile Androw, or any other air or airis, maill or famell, that sal happen to succeid to the said vinephile Androw . . . In witness herof, I haue subscrivit tair presentis with my hand, togidder with the subscriptions manuallis of my saidis curatouris, in takin of thair consentis herto, and has affixit unto selis to this samyn, at Glasgow, the sevint day of Mai, the zeir of God I<sup>o</sup> V, and fyfty yeris, befor thir witnes, William Menteith, Williame Striueling, David Watson, Maister Johne Hammiltoun.

JHON HAMYLTON of Bardow

JHON Colquhoun of Luss.

MASTER JAMES Colquhoun Parson of Luss.

DECREE ARBITRAL by William [Chisholm] Bishop of Dunblane, between James Striueling of the Keir and Robert Calbreth, 7th May 1551.

181. AT Edinburgt, the viij day of Mai, the zeir of God I<sup>o</sup> V, and fyfty yeris. It is appoinetnat aggredit and finalle concordit betwix Honourable men James Striueling of the



Keir on that ane pairt, and Robert Calbreth, cessionar and assignay to vnapdill Maister Robert Calbreth, personis of Spot, on that other pairt, of the malis, fermis, profectis, and deweteis of the landis and manis of Ballindrocht, the landis of Hawstein, the landis of Bloquharis, the landis of Benkell, Kirkton of Ballindrocht, wþt the millin thairef, the landis of Beaghows, wþt the millinis, dybberis, tenementis and tenendris of the samyn: Anent the ryght of the samyn of the Witsunday termis in the air last bipast, and all ryght, titill of ryght, that the said Robert has or may haue for the said saidis landis and gift thairef, and all termis following the said Witsunday termis: bayth the saidis pairties referto regne to the ordinay and decreit of ane reverend father in God, William Bishop of Dunblane, quhyle werop it the said matur apon hym; and decernis and decreitis that the said Robert shall renunce and surgif all ryght and titill of ryght, peticeir and possessour, that he has or may haue, be resoun of the said gift of the foirsaidis landis, in fower of the said James Strineling and his airis, to the effect that the said James Strineling and his airis intenct wþt all tenendis, malis, profectis and deweteis of the saidis landis of the Witsunday termis, and all termis following, frelie, wythout any nelestatoun of the said Robert or any vtheris: For the quhillis the said Jaimes Strineling of the Keir sell e intent and pay to the said Robert the summe of ix seoir markis vñall money of Scotland, that is to say, the seoir markis betwix this and the xx day of Mai instant, and four seoir markis betwix that and the termis of Martimes next thaireftir, in full and compasit payment of the saidis ix seoir markis: And ordinis gif the said Robert has tane vp ony malis or deweteis of the saidis landis for the last Witsunday termis, the samyn salbe allowit to hym in part of payment of the last four seoir markis sa far as the samyn sal reik to: and resouris to the said Robert his actioun and ryght that he has contrar the tenentis and possessouris of the saidis landis of all malis and deweteis awand to hym befor the said last termis of Witsunday, to call and persewe thame befor ony justis or joris as the said Robert thinkis expedient: And this we pronounce and for finall sentence geillis: In witness herof we haue subscrivit thir presentis, day, zir and place foirsaidis, befor thir witness, James Cheisholme of Cromilkis, Maister James Kenedy Chanceller of Dunblane, John Morisoun and vtheris dñeis.

William Bishop  
of Dunblane



LETTER of REVERSION by William [Chisholm] Bishop of Dunblane and Helen Striueling,  
to James Striueling of the Keir, of the lands of Beirholme, 1552.

182. To all and sundry quhorne it effectis quhares knowlege thir present letteris sall cum, Willame, be the mereie of God Bishop of Dunblane, and Elene Striueling dochir fowbergottin to ane honorable man James Striueling of the Keir. Greeting in God euerlesting. Wit your universitie, that albeit ane honorable man, the said James Striueling of the Keir, hes sauld and assaillit till vs the said reverend fader in franktenement or lifreat, for all the dais of our liftime, and to me the said Elene in fe and heretage, and to my aris and assignais quhatsumair, and that for the luf and fauour that the said reverend fader hes towardit me the said Elene, and for ane certane sowme of money be him paid and deliuerit afairhand to the said James Striueling my fader, all and haill his three mark land of Beirholme, with the pertinents, land within the shiredomme of Perth, and barony of Keir, be annexation and incorporation, like as the charter and enclents maid to vs by the said James Striueling thairpore my fullie proprieis: Nevertheles we the said reverend fader, and I the said Elene Striueling in persone, and with consent of Maister James Kennedy, Cancellor of Dunblane, my tuteur, givin to me in judgment, as the set maid that yone proprieis, will and grants and leelic and treulic bindis and oblisiss vs, the said reverend fader franktenementar of the saidis landis, and me the said Elene fadir of the saidis, my aris and assignais, be the fayth and treuth in our boleis, that quhat tyme or howsone it sal hysypin the said James Striueling his aris or assignais, spene fourty dais waiching of befor, othir personalie or at our duelling place, or at our parochie kirk in tyme of hie mess vpone ane solemnpe day, opinlie to warne vs the said reverend fader franktenementar of the saidis landis, and aftir our decess me the said Elene my tutouris curatouris, aris, or assignais, to cum to the Cathechall Kirk of Dunblane, and thair vpone our Ladie altare situate within the said Kirk, vpone ane day, to thix the same rising and toganging of that ilk, contentis and pais to vs the said reverend fader, franktenementar of the saidis landis during our liftimes, and aftir our decess, to me the said Elene Striueling, heretour of the saidis landis, my tutouris, curatouris, aris or assignais, the sowme of thre hundredth pundis gude and vsuall money of this realme, togidder in ane haill sowme numerit and tauld money; in that exis we the said reverend fader, and I the said Elene Striueling my tutouris, curatouris, aris or assignais, quhilkis of vs the said reverend fader during our liftimes, and me the said Elene my tutouris, curatouris, aris or assignais that has warin and brouns to rassane the said sowme sall othir personalie, or be our knichtall gneutouris parcell and simple



renunce resigne, quichame and our gif in the said Janes Strinelinges handis his airis, or assignais, all and haill the saidis landis of Beirholme with the pertinentis, togidder with chartir, sesine, and all other evidentes maid and givin to vs thairwone, with all ryeht, tifill of richt, petitore, possessour, clame, proprie and possessiounue quhilkis in and to the saidis landis we haue, haes or may haue in tyme to cum . . . . In witness of the quhilk thing to thir present letteris of reversion, subscrivit be vs the said reuerend fader, and be the hand of the said Maister James Kennedy, tutour to me the said Elene, our propir seillis ar appendit at Dunblane, the . . . . day of the zeir of God, aunc thousand five hundreth and fiftyn zeiris, befor thir witnes, Schir Willame Blakwod, Andro Blakwod, Nikke Baxter, Johnne Mahto

WILLIAM, Bishop JAMES KENEDY,  
of Dunblane. Chancellor of Dunblane.

LETTER of REVERSION by Willame [Chisholme] Bishop of Dunblane and Jane Strineling, to James Strineling of the Keir, of the lands of Kippendavy, 1554.

182. To all and sindrie quhorne it efferis quhais knawiege thir present letteris sall cum. Willame, be the mercie of God Bishop of Dunblane, and Jayne Strineling, daughter fowbegottin to ane honorable man James Strineling of the Keir. Greeting in God enerlesting: Wit your vniuersiteis, that albeit the said James Strineling of the Keir, has sauld and amelit til vs, the said Reuerend fader in franktenement or lifrent for all the dais of our lifyng, and to me the said Jayne his daughter, in tise and heretage, and to my airis quhatsumeuer, and that for the bift and fauour that the said reuerend fader hes towart me the said Jayne, and for ane certene soyme of money be him pait and deliuerit afoirland to the said James Strineling my fader: All and haill his landis of Kippendavy, with thair pertinentis, land within the shirfdomme of Perth, likeas the charter and evidentes maid till vs be the said James thairwone mair fallelie propertis; Neuirtheles we the said reuerend fader, and I the said Jayne Strineling in persone, and with consent of Robert Lermonth, cietinar of Dunblane, my tutour, givin to me in iugement, as the act maid thairwone propertis, will and grantis, and leflelie and trewlie bindis and oblisis vs the said reuerend fader, franktenementar of the saidis landis, and me the said Jayne, feir of the samin, my airis and assignais, be the fayth and treuth in our bodeis, that quhat tyme or howsone it salhaip in the said James Strineling, his airis or assignais, vpon forty dayis warning of his or other personeis, or at our diuellng place, or at our parochie kirk in tyme of his mess vpon and solempne day, openlie to warne vs the said reuerend fader franktenementar of the fairsaidis



landis; and after our deceas, me the said Jayne, my tuteoris, curatouris, airis or assignais, to cum to the Cathedrall kirk of Dunblane, and thair vponne our Lady altare, situate within the samin, vponne one day betuix the sonne rising and to gateng of that ilk, contentis and pois to vs the said reverend fader, frankmentement fairsaid, during our liffyme, and after our deceas to me the said Jayne Striueling heretour of the saidis landis, my tuteoris, curatouris, airis or assignais, the sowne of one thousand markis gide and vsuale money of this realme regidder, in one haill sowing, numberst and tauld money; in that cais, we the said reverend fader, and I the said Jayne Striueling my tuteoris, curatouris, airis or assignais that beis wereit and hapis to ressue the foir-said sowing, soll other personalle, or be our lauchfult procurator, purely and simple, renunce, resigne, quikcomis and ourcye in the said James Striuelingis landis, his airis or assignais, all and haill the saidis landis of Kippendray, with thair pertinentes, togidder with charter, sesyng, and all other emblemis myld and gevin till vs thairvpon, and with all rycht, titill of richt, petitour, possessor, clauen, proprie and possessionoun quhilikis in and to the fairsaidis landis, with the pertinentis, we haue, haes, or may haue in tyme to cum . . . . In witness of the pikkil thing, to thir present letteris of reversi am subseruitt be vs the said reverend fader, and be the hand of the said Robert Lernonth, tuteour to me the said Jayne, our propir scillis ar appendit, at Dunblane, the day of in the zere of God 17. V: and attirour zeiris, befoir thair witness.

WILLIAUME, Bishop of Dunblane.

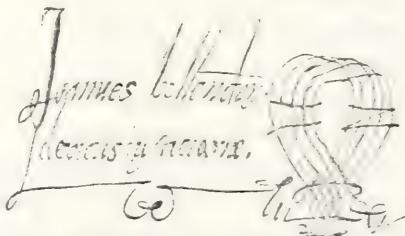
ROBERT LERNONTH, with my hand.

CONFIRMATION by the Depute of Archibald Earl of Argyll, Justice-General of Scotland, of a charter of the Barony of Keir, in favour of the deceased John Striueling of Keir, 28th May 1553.

184. JOANNES CAMPBELL de Lundy, milos, Justiciarius Deputatus nobilis et potentis domini, Archibaldi Comitis Ergadie, Douaii Campbell et Leno etc., Justicarii Generalis supremi, domine nostre Regine toris regni sui vbiq'bet constituti: viuensis et singulis ad quorum notitias presentes literis permaneant Salutem. Scitis quod comparuit eorum iudicis, in curia itinoris Justiciarie dictae supreme domine nostre Regine vicecomitatus de Perth, tenta et inchoata in pretorio burgi de Perth, viiijmo octavo die mensis Maii, anno domini millesimo quingentesimo quic' pag sumo tertio, Jacobus Striueling de Keir, et fidem ostendit et certam, factam per quoniam ne illissimum principem Jacobum quartum Regem Scotorum regnorum quondam Josephi Striueling de Keir, patri dicti Jacobi, de omniis et singulis terres sitas, per in terris de Keir.



cum turre et manerio, molen-linis, fullonum, et granorum, et lie cruvis earundem, terris de Lupnow, cum piscariis carniadem, terris de Strowe, cum molendino carniadem, terris de Dawachlowname, terris de Reterne Striueling, alias Coygis de Strathalloan, nominatis Classingallis, Schanrow, le Westir Coyg, le Weicoyz, Bercholme, le Litlecoyz, le Waist-poffill, cum molendino de Coygis, et terris de Glenty, et in omnibus suis pertinentiis, terentibus, tenandiis, et liberetenentium scrupulis, auctoratione et donatione capellaniarum et hermitage de Lupnow, jacentibus intra vicecontinentiam de Perth, vniis, creatis, annexatis et incorporatis in vicinam meram et liberam baroniam, perpetuis futuris temporibus, Baroniam de Keir municipandam: et tenerendam in libera alba firma qualiter-eunque temporibus retroiectis tente fuerint: reddendo inde amittantia dictus Joannis Striueling et heredes sui in dicta carta contenti prefuto quondam Jacobo regi et suis successeribus, vnum par calcarium decuratorum apud dictam turrem de Keir, in festo Penthecosis, nomine alba firma, si petatur tantum: prout in dicta carta, de data apud Edinburgh, decimo die mensis Septembris, anno domini millesimo quingentissimo tertio, et regni dicti Regis decimo sexto, latius continetur. Quam problem cartam de mandato nostro in iudicio, perfectam et examinatam, admissimus, ac omnia et singula in eadem contenta, ratificamus et approbamus. In cuius rei testimonium presentibus, manu Magistri Joannis Bellenden de Anchmoule, clerici iusticiarie dictae superius domine nostre regine generalis, subscriptis. Sigillum officii iusticiarie est appensum, anno, die, mense, et loco, prescriptis.



Seal: On a Shield the Royal Lion of Scotland within a double tressure flory counterflory, surmounted by an Imperial Crown: Circumscriptio: Sigl. Iysti. S.D.N. Regi. Ex. Par. Ber. Aq. de For.

INSTRUMENT OF ASSIGNATION by William Earl of Moutres, to James Steiniling of Keir, of all right of action he had against the tenants of Bopuharragis, 6th May 1554.



evidenter, qui el anno Incarnationis Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo quarto, mensis vero Maii die nono, iudicione dei Leini, pontificis sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Iulii divina prestatim patre tertii, anno quinto: In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentium, personarum et institutis nobilis et potens dominus, Willielmus Comes de Montros, Dominus Grahame, non vi aut metu ductus, nec errore lapsus, aut aliqua sua stra incolatione circumvenitus, sed ex eius spontanea voluntate, ut apparuit: omnibus in horibus iuglo, via, iure, causa et forma quibus melius et efficacius posuit et debuit, posuisse et debuisse fecit, constituit, creavit, nominauit et solemniter ordinauit, prout tenore presentis publici instrumenti, oti, nacti, constituit, crevit, et subiungit et subiungit sibi hanc habere in virtute, Jacobum Striueling de Keir, suum verum legittimum, indubitatum et irrecusabilem cessionarium, donarium et assignatum, in et ad actionem sine causam quam item dominus Comes habet et potest contra tenentes et occupatores terrarum de Bopchurragis, jacentium infra vicecomitatum de Striueling, et e unitatum de Levenox, pro violente occupacione talium cemodi terrarum, a festo pentecostes ultime post datam presentium dies: et transferendo et transportando omnem ius suum et iuriis titulum, quod seu opim faciat, habuit, seu habere poterit in futurum, in et ad hancmodi causam sibi ac locum, ut quoscumque summas et iniurias recuperandas, in magna ratione Jacobum et suos heredes, successores et substitutos omnibus suosque heredes in locis suam tanquam in rei proprietate. Dans et concedens eisdem suam plenariam potestatem, tenentes et occupatores seu eorum aliquem, prout sibi videbitur expeditius, pro persona iniusta et vnde vita occupatione et possessione terrarum prescriptarum, etiam quibusque per iudicium usque tenibus, conueniendi prosequendique, cum fruiles recuperandis, hoc motu plenarie disponendi, componendi, quieteclamandi, etiamenali, etiamque omnia in promissis necessaria faciendi, gerendi et exercendi que in processis necessaria sunt, in vobis superiori forma, et secundum tenorem et formam cibitam discreti lati et presentati per honorabiles vires, Magistrum Johannem Ballenden de Auchinayll, et Magistrum Jacobum Makgill, burgensem de Edinburgh, inter notarios nullum dominum et Jacobum dominum de Keir: Preterea idem nobilis dominus comes et singulis sepefatis terras de Bopchurragis, cum suis portis aliis, in manus predicti Jacobi Striueling, tanquam in manus domini superioris eisdem terrarum, per sustinu et baciam, ad perpetuam remonetam, suorum redditum, et per eum simpliciter resig- mavit: Super quibus omnibus et singulis predictis Jacobus Striueling dominus de Keir a me notario publico subsigno sibi fieri predicti instrumenti et instrumentorum Acta erant hec infra locum diei nobilis dominum de Keir colliguntur post meridiem vel eo super: Presentibus Willielmo Striueling fratre, germano Jacobi Striueling



de Keyr, Jacobo Grahame in Duchaly, Duncan Forester, testibus rogatis et compatis ad premissa.

Et ego Wilhelmus Blakwo<sup>d</sup> Dunblanensis diocesis presbyter, s<sup>u</sup>era autoritate eccl<sup>esi</sup>astica, Notarius publicus, etc.

WILLELMUS BLAKWO<sup>d</sup> Notarius Publicus.

OBLIGATION by Walter Grahame to James Striuling of the Keir, 30th April 1556.

186. BE it kend till all men by thir present letteris, me Walter Grahame: That forsanekyl as an: right honorabyl man, James Striuling of the Keir, has necessarilly infest me and Margaret Striuling his sister, my spous, be scherter and sesing, in all and bayl his five merkis worth of land of Breckland Kyloch of add extent, now occupit be McGrever, and . . . . ymed within the Stewetry of Menteith and Shirefife of Perth, to be heldin of our souerane b<sup>y</sup> the quenis grace and her successouris: Herf<sup>er</sup> I byndis and obdis me, myne airis and assignis, to get and optene in all quide haist, our souerane ladeis confirmation upon the said James charter of alienation mad to me and the said Margeret my spous, in and upon all and bayl the forsaide fife merkis werthe of land; and als soll optene bryng Laune and deliver to the said James his airis or assignais, also sufficient letter of regress for remonyoun and outpitit of the saidis landis fra the saidis Walter and Margeret, after the forme and tenor of thir letteris of rauersoun geven to me thairpoun; and als byndis and obdis me to seil and subscribe the saidis letteris of rauersoun, and to eas my said spouss seil and subscribe the samyn: In witness her<sup>e</sup> of I haif subscritit this my obligation with my hand at the pen of the Noter unswritten, at Dunblane, the last day of Ayrle, the yere of God 1<sup>st</sup> V<sup>e</sup> and fifty six yoris, befor witness, and honorabill man William Striuling of Ardloch, Schir Andro Lander, and Schir Alexander Andersone Chepleonis of the Queir of Dunblane.

WALTER GRAHAME with my hand at the pen of Robert Lermont Notar public

Ita est Robertus Lermont Notarius Publicus manu propria.

TACK by William [Chisholme] Bishop of Dunblane and the Chapter, to James Cheisholme, spouse to James Striuling of the Keir, of the teinds of the lands of Rutherford, &c., 12th May 1557.

187. BE it kend till all men by thir present letteris, vs William, be the murge of God Bishop of Dunblane, with exires consent and assent of the exceptour of our cathedral



kirk of Dunblane, cheptonlie gaddrifit, mature deliberatio[n]e thairupone proceeding, the vtilite and proffite of vs and our successouris preuidit and considerit, to haue sett and in asselatiou[n]e latiu . . . to ane honorable gentill wemen, Jayne Cheisholme spous moderne to ane nebill man, James Stryuelling of the Keir, and to the said James, and ane air gottin or to be gottin betwix thame, and to the laungst levar of thame, for all the dais and zeiris of thair liftynes: quibilk air fallzeing and nocht succeedand to the said James effir him, to the dire quidensair immediatly succeedand to the said James, for all the dais and zeiris of the samyn air liftyne akanceirle: quibilk fallzeing to retur[n]e to vs and our successouris: all and haill our teind seide is of the landis and townes of Rutherford, Buchalby, Ouer Keir, Auld Keir, Cramachank, Reiblancht, Mylkanlis, Forster landis, Edmondis landis, Mossland and all and sindrie o[ur] settis, pendiclis, and pertinents of the saidis landis, land within the parochin of Dunblane: for all the dais of thair liftynes successine as is abone expremit, thair entres thairto boggynond at the day of the dair of thir presents: To be heldin . . . of vs and our successouris, and the samyn to be led, set, vsit and disponit be thame and ilk me of thame respectue et successine as thair sall think maist expedient: Payand zeirlie thairfor . . . to vs and our successouris, fourty pundis gule and vsdale money of Scotland, at tua termes in the zeir, Candilmes and Midsomer, le equall portions allancirle . . . In witness of the quibilk to this present asselatiou[n], contenant our precept of susine thairto ill, subserinit be vs and our cheptour, our round seill, togidder with the commoun seill of our cheptour ar appendit, at Dunblane, the twelvth day of Mai, the yeir of God ane thousand five hundred and fifty seven zeiris, befor thir vitnes, Schirris Willame Blakwod, Johnne Lermouth chaplanis.

W. Bishop of Dablane.

M. ROBERTS GORDON Decanus Dunblanensis.

M. JAMES KENNEDY Chaneller of Dunblan.

M. WILLELMUS MURRAY Tresorarius Dunblanensis.

D[omi]n[us] EDMUNDUS CILISHOLME Subdecanus Dunblanensis.

ANDREAS STRETYNK Prelendarius de Monye.

JOHANNES FORFAR Canonicus Dunblanensis.

WILLEMUS SCHAW Canonicus Dunblanensis.

GRANT by Queen Mary to James Striuling of Keir, and Janet Cheisholme his spouse, of the half lands of Innerelloum, 21st December 1557.

188. MARIA, Dei gracia Regina Scotorum, dilecto nostro consanguineo, Alexandro Domino Hume, superiori dimidieatis terrarum subscriptarum, Salutem: Quia dubium totarum



et integrarum terrarum de Inneralloun, eum dimidio molendini, terrarum molendinariarum, et dimidio pisectionis eiusdem super aqua de Forth, jacentium infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Struiling, quod quondam Johanni Hume de Hatounhill suo vita tempore hereditarie pertinuit, per ipsum de te, dicto nostro consanguineo, immediate tentum, jam in manibus nostris denicit, et nobis ratione eschaece, per priuilegium nostre coronae ac iura regni nostri pertinet: ratione quod dictus quondam Johannes Hume, bastardus natus fuerat, bastardusque decessit absque legitimis heredibus de corpore s. procreatis, et absque legitima dispositione, per ipsam in vita sua tempore facte de suis terris et bonis predictis: Et nos volentes quod tu, prefatus noster consanguineus, in tua superioritate dictarum dimidiarum terrarum, dimidiis molendini et dimidiis pisectionis de Inneralloun eum pertinentiis minime lesus sis, nec quod nullum priuilegium tibi in eisdem generetur: dilectos nostros Jacobum Struiling de Keir et Jonetam Cheisholme suam sponsam, in tenentes tibi caruendam tenore presentium presentamus: te, dictum nostrum consanguineum requirentes, eos et eorum alterum diutius viuentem in coniuncta infestatione, et heredes inter ipsos legitime procreatos seu procreandos, quibus deficientibus heredes dicti Jacobi quoscumque, in totis et integris predictis dimidiis terris de Inneralloun, dimidio molendini, terris molendinariis, et le suorum huiusmodi, ac multioris eiusdem vicinorum dimidiis pisectionis earundem super dicta aqua de Forth, eum omnibus suis pertinentiis, per certain et sasinam in debita forma hereditarie infestare, de te dicto nostro consanguineo et heredibus tuis, simil modo et auctoritate libere tenendis, ac si memoratus quondam Johannes Hume eisdem ante illius decessum tenebat: Tu presentes litteras, per te visos et intellectos, earundem latere reddas Datum sub testimonio noster n. cui sigilli apud Edinburgh, viceculo primo die mensis Decembris, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo septimo, et regni nostri decimo sexto.

Per signaturam manu regente regentis subscriptam.

DISCHARGE by James Campbell, son and heir of umphile Dowgill Campbell of Blairweek, and his curators, to Sir George Wauane, Archdeacon of Dunblane, 19th February 1557.

189. I JAMES CAMPBELL, sonne and heire of umphile Dowgill Campbell of Blairweek, with consent and assent of Colline Campbell of Archinglas, and Maister Johnne Spens of Condye, my curators for their interres, be thair presentis grants me to leif ressonit fra the handis of me Lounibill man William M'neur, in name and behalfe of Sir George Wauane, Archdeacon of Dunblane, the summe of fourtene seoir and ten markis



vsuale money of this realme, quilkilc was conteingit in the said Archidaneis landis to  
ane honorabill man, James Striueling of Keir, in the Cithederall kirk of Dunblane,  
vpon the tuncutye thre day of Mai, the zeir of God 1<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> and fiftie sex zeiris, for  
redemption of the fife mack Laird of Drong, Balfour, and tyfie scalling Laird of Bray  
of Boquapill, fra me the said James Campbelle, as sir to my said vnyquhile fader; of  
the quilkilc summe of fourtene scotl and ten markis money fairsaid, payit and delinavit  
to me, in name and behalfe above wryttin, for the causes above expressit, I, wylc  
consent of my saidis curatouris, holdis me weill content and thankyfullie payit in monerit  
and tauld money, and be the tenour heirof, wylc causis fairsaid, exoneris, quitelancis  
and discheirgeis the said Williame, in name and behalfe fairsaid, the said Schir George  
Wauane, Archidane fairsaid, his airis executoiris, assiguis, and all vtheris spesone it  
effeiris, of the sanwyn for now and euir; be this present acqumente, subscryvit wylc  
my hand, and wylc the handis of my saidis curatouris, in taiken of their consent and  
assent fairsaid, at Striueling, the nyntene day of Februer, the zeir of God one thousand  
sand fyif hundred and fiftie sevyn zeiris, befor thir witness, Duncane Forster, Thomas  
Harte, burges of Striueling, and Jolene Grahame of Bailindrone, notor publicit, wylc  
vtheis diversis, with David Watson.

COLIN CAMPBELL, Ardkynglass.

M. JO. SPENS.

JAMES CAMPBELL of Blaried.

ACCOUNT of the Families of Leny of Leny, and Buchanan of Leny, sent by Robert  
Buchanan of Leny to the Laird of Keir, circa 1560.

190. ANE schort informacoun concerning the antiquite and genealogie of the lains of Leny,  
namlie, sen the first Buchanan brakit they land. I thought it necessary to lat sic nobill  
men and freibidis knew the same; and that heours my compellour, the Laird of Keir,  
vnis to say to sindry honest men quhen with he communis and speakis of my  
effaris, tauching maters in debait betwaix him and me, that I am bot ane sorir fellow of  
base degré knowing bot may or tere fellowis of my kin, as he wald say. He regards  
necht my kyndnes, nor zit my vnyndnes, bot estemes thair hant to use smid effect.  
Thairfor I thought it gud to lat the matter be vtherways knownin, quhovbeit the heus  
and leving be brokin at the plesour of God his fathir and himself being the instru-  
mentis thairof; zit the freibidis of the lains ar necht decait, pryst be God, bot ar  
abil to revord thair freind and thair vnfriend as may deserve at thair hand.

And to wit fader quhat gentill men and baronis the lains of Leny is comit of,  
and quhat race of gentillmen comit of it. I will do my diligence to schaw sum of  
baythe, after my vnderstanding.



I find in the beginning, the Lanyis of that Ilk has breukit that leving without vey infestment, except ane littill auld soard, gain to Gilesenayir be the King, and an auld reliet callit Snat Fillanis raithe, quilkir servit thame for thair chartour quilkir Alexander his dayis: and than ane Alasdair Lany, beffit son to the Laird of Lany, marriet the Laird his dochtir, and obtenuit the first infestment of the landis of Lany fra the Kingis handis, quilkir chartour servit them quilkir King James the First dayis, and than Johnie Buchquhanane, auld son to the Laird of Buchquhanane, marriet ane Jonet Lany heritrix of that Ilk, and leuir to him sevis and doctiris. This Johnie Buchquhanane wes the Laird of Glenarkirk dochtiris sonne. This Jonet Lany that was heritrix wadd haue her lairns callit Lanyis be her name, bot thay wer never confirmit soe in parliament, noucht the les mony of the sumene ar callit kithene Lanyis be the common peple, bot noucht in evidents or wris. But euenly we ar wittin Buchquhanane alias Lany, except the principalls, quilkir ar writin Buchquhanane of Lany.

This Johnis eldest sonne wes callit Andrew, quilkir marriet ane gentill woman callit Marian Lokart, dochter to the Laird of Bay, and nae Lord Drummondis dochter his mythir, quhairthrew this house of Lany gaue gret kyndnes of nae Lord Drummondis hous, and standis to this day.

This Johnie Buchquhananeis eldest dochter wes maretit vpon the Laird Meldarbie, of his has come the principall race of that surname.

This John obtenuit the first infestment of King James the first land to Andrew his sonne, quilkir is one fair chartour to his twylling his sisir an ill, to the launs of Buchquhanane. This Andrew had ane brothir quilkir wes the first Buchquhanane in Achinayir, quilkir oft is emblit the Buchquhananeis of Strathmore and Kausie. This Andrew had six or sevin sisirs. His eldest sonne wes callit Johnie, and marriet the Laird Muschertis doctir, quilkir hure to him sevis and doctiris. Anie of his doctiris wes maretit vpon the Laird of Garmuk, Grahame, quilkir for evin many guid brans, as the house of Dunernib, the house of Cindly, and smalry vthir gentill men therabout, quay keipis gret kyndnes to this day to the house of Lany. Anie vthir doctir wes maretit to the Laird of Darkerie howest Lovin, quirof ar emblit sindry guid branchis quhay keipis thair kyndnes to the house of Lany. This Johnis eldest sonne wes callit Robert, and he maretit the Laird of Gleneguis doctir, and gaue upon his sevis and doctiris. This Johnie Robertis brother that had the many brothir, ane oft thame wes callit Waltir, and dwelt in Broughesill, quilkir his offairing ar zis weill forest of alill men, and they ar callit Waltirs sonis be the common peple. Their principals ar Johnie and his sonis, Waltir of Gleny, and Robert Ogle.



This Waltir had sindry doctirs wes mareit upon sindry gentillmen in the countrey, as the Stewartis in Bysudder, Menithis, and Melchelchlinis, and Makgregoris callit Inconwitharis: of this doctir mareit upon Maklaichon com the Laird of Kippauross, and sindry vther branchis.

Ane vther brither of Walkis wes callit George. Ane vther, Dame Gilbert, Wiccar of Lany. Ane vther callit Wattie, quhoy wes Laird of Colinesuzis, spyon of com Robert Ross and Wattie Dogis barnis, the barounie Achyll, with sindry vther branchis. The race of this Wattie is callit Clan Wattie to this day.

To conclude, all this bretair hes a race count of thirne, and all their maill kynd held the Laird of Lany for their chieff, and so doth this Achyllin, quhoyis fathir wes oye to the Laird of Lanyis sone William, as is said befoir, with all his maill race, quay ar grilly men.

This Robert that mareit Glenegis doctir, his eldest sone wes callit Patrik, and mareit the Laird of Fowlaris doctir, Semple, and shoo deid without ony maill childrin. This Patrik effir hir deidis mareit the Laird of Buchquhananes doctir: shoo heir him ane sone and tway doctiris. His sone wes ane qud lyk man callit Walter, and wes slane be ane sudden misforande be David Schaw, effir that he loun at ane curs of hunning stirve for ane ra. He wes vair roft and had no successioun, bot he had ane zoynge woman of his avin sin, mair in Cluny, quhoy wes ane bairn quhen he deid of ane gentillman callit Waltir Buchquhanane alias Lany, now duelland in Dunblane.

This Patrik had tway brethir; ane was callit John, quhoy wes laud in the tild of Flowden without successioun givin in mariage. The zoyngest brethir callit Robert, quhoy mareit Marion Grahame, the Ld. of Menteithis doctir: the Laird of Buchquhanane doctir wes hir muckir: ne Lord Grahame's bairn hir grandam, Lady Buchquhanane; ne Lord Erskine's doctir hir vther guidame, Countess of Menteith.

To conclude, I Robert Buchquhanane of Lany that ringis now, sone to Robert and Marion Grahame: I am cheif of the avil family of Lany: quhoyit is weill known their wes alawin knightis, and scuin lairdis, befoir they war surnameit Buchquhananis, as is fully schawin in the tree of the house: and I am ane maist and aly of ralys to the first infiftment that eir wes taen be ane Buchquhanane on the lands of Lany, quhyleit my titill to the heritage wes provyld to Patrik, my fathir bretair, to my brither callit John, quhoy deid in Pinge tild, quay wes infift in the baill levying, the maist pairt in lyfrent, as well as the leit in herouge: and i now, as ait to my brother, thinkis my kyndnes to be labbin sumpart in cheif, according to



the antiquity befor written, quilk thought will remaine in menis lairts ay quhill the present caiss be reconcilis.

And now I will returme quhow Patrik Buchquhansone had farr desiries: to y be the first wylfe Forsakill, quikly mairit thairselfis be thair faderis command: the quilk tway desiries the Laird of Keir wyt thair rights be the quilk ryghtis he has his tytill to the landis of Lany, becaus jistly for ayris or lyis to thair fadur Patrik. The vthir tway desiries gis uppon this lastyff wes mairit to thair fadur upon gentilmen, ane callit Murray in Glencairn, spinidne after cum quid succes of abillmen and ringis presently, all witt frendis to the house of Lany. The vthir that wes mairit to ane Alexander Stewart ruk a myt seid quid succes.

This paper wes sent to the laird of Keir with the barone Achyll.

CONTRACT between James Striueling of the Keir and James Kincaid of that Ilk.  
22nd October 1561.

191. AT Striueling the twenty twa day of the moneth of October the zeir of God 1<sup>9</sup> VI<sup>6</sup> and sixty ane zeris; It is appoyntis and aggraft betwix honorable personis, thair ar to say, James Striueling of the Keir on that one part, and James Kincaid of that Ilk on the other part, in maner following, that is to say: Forsakill as the said James Kincaidis forbeares and predecessores has beyn tennentes and fe wassellis to the lardis of Barlowen for the tymis of al and hiel the landes of Kincardis and Kinkel, with the tower, mans, verdes, mills, and mylles, waloris and se polis to it f, with thair pertinents, extending to fyf pouit leul of ald extent, land within the shirebounis of Striueling, haldyn of thair in modellis in chaf for the payment of six pounis zeirlis in name of blanch allmeris, quilkis landes the saides lardis of Barlowe held immidiatlie of the said James Striueling of the Keir, and vnoquidill Jhon Striueling of the Keir his fader, for service of ward and relif: And now it is happynait that the said James Striueling of the Keir has conuenant with Jhon Hammilloun now of Barlowe, and hes satisfiet him for his immediat superiorite and entres that he had of the saidis landes, quha resignit the samyn, with tennandis and tennandrie, and service of fe tennandis, parelie and synpallie be stat and baoun in the handis of the said James Striueling of the Keir, as his imleuit superior thairof, in the speciall favoures of Willame Striueling of Dalcawen quha inuictment thairin is before the said Willame in the saides handis, with tennandis and tennandrie and service of tre tennandis, to the haldin of thair and his wissells to the said Jhon Hammilloun of Barlowe held the sumyn of the said James of befor: And now it is conuenant and thought expedient



be bayth the saides parteis, for the eis and weil of thame sayth, that the saide nre latt superiorite qubilk now parteinys to the said Willame Striueling saide entit and perpetuallie away tayn, swa that the said James Striueling of the Keir and his aires salbe oule immediat superioris to the said James Kincaid and his aires of the fairsaides landes, with towr, mans, zardes, millis, and milland, mylteris thairof, with their pertinence, to be hadin of the said James Striueling in fre tenuradrie, for service of ward and relif, als frelie as the said James Striueling in his tenuradrie, for service of ward and relif, and with supplement of all faltes bigane. And for the completing therof, the said James Striueling of the Keir bindes and oblis his to caws the said Willame Striueling to resyng the saides landes, with towr, mans, zardes, millis, mylne land, mylteris, sequelis and their pertinence, in his handes as superior thairof, ad perpetuam remenantiam, to the effect that he may infir the said James Kincaid and his aires in all and hauil the fairsaides landes, with towr, mans, zardes, millis, mylne land, mylteres, sequelis and their pertinence, for service of ward and relif, in fre proprieate perpetuallie, and with supplement of all faltes bigane; qubilk infirment to sayn the said James Striueling of the Keir bindes and oblis him and his aires to tak syl salserise and deliver sufficentlie, in dew term, to the said James Kincaid and his aires in all possible haist, to be hadin of the said James Striueling and his aires in chief, for service of ward and relif: For the qubilk infirment to be mad as said is, the said James Kincaid of that ilk sal instantlie after ressayng therof renunce all other supplaywres of the saides landes, towr, mans, zardes, millis, mylne landes, mylteris and sequelis thairof, with thair pertinence, and oblis his and his aires to hold the sumaryn of the said James Striueling and his aires in maner abou excludyng perpetuallie, and als sal renunce all evidentes mad to his forbares now partieynyn to him of the saides landes, with all clene, ryght, titil or ryght that he may haif thairthrew in tyme comynge for ever: And als the said James Striueling bindes and oblis him and his aires to warrand the said James Kincaid and his aires at the handes of all oþer supplaywres of the saides landes that may ask or clene ryght therof: And attour the said Willame Striueling comperead personale befor the said James Striueling of the Keir, superior forsaide, and resignt and wypgaif all and hauil the saides landes, with the towr, mans, zardes, millis, mylne landes, mylteris and sequelis thairof, and their pertinence in his handes as superior thairof, for fulfilling of that part of this contrax, for staf and lastoun purle and symplie, ad perpetuam remenantiam for ever: And baith the saides parteis beand personale present, consent to the making and registring of this present contrax in the shireis baikes of Striueling, hauing the strent of his decret, his auctorite interponit and executoris to þis keyruperunt in form as efferis: In ymies hairef



bayth the forsailes parteis, and the said William Strineling for his part, hes subscrybit  
thir presontes with thair awn handis, zeir day, and place forsaide, befor thir signers,  
Robert Forrester of Balquhan, Master Patrek Graham, baroun of Kilmoyr, Leik Strineling,  
Duncane Forrester of Qwenis Hawch, Jhon Strineling in Strabrook, Robert Kyn-  
caid, Patrek Atkin in Birkston, and Master James Blair, with Jhon Graham of Balhur-  
rane and James Oswald notaris publick with otheris divers.

JAMES STRINELING of Keir.

JAMES KYNCAID of that Ilk.

WILLIAM STRINELING of Dalchilqu

OBLIGATION by Matthew Earl of Lennox, to James Strineling of Keir, Knight,  
28th October 1551.

192. WE Mathew Erle of Lennox, Lord Darnell, &c., understanding and beirg remembrit  
of the trewe and faythfule comisellis, helpis, service, and plesuris done to our lassast  
fadere, wmpthill James Erle of Lennox by wmpthill Jhone Strineling of Keir  
Knycht, and to ourself in our minority and bis age; and sichtis, the guid mynd will  
and service of James Strineling now of Keir, Knycht, towt w:; and for the summe  
of sax hundreth markis wthalle money instand payt and delivirit to w: by the said  
James: We, for our self, our airis, ex-contratis, and assigndis, to thir presontis kyndis  
and oblisis ws and thanis, and everylkane of thanis, bythidle be the fayth and  
trewheth of our bodies; that we, or ouris of them, sall more comisellis, actis or  
questionis befor quhatson wir jngis, spirituallie or temporaliie, or intend any maner  
pley, in the lawe or by the lawe, aginst the said James Strineling of Keir Knycht,  
his airis, ex-contratis, or assigndis, be wryt of cuyc contrackis, iekis or obligacionis  
maid betwix ws and the said wmpthill James, or informentis or bndis maid be him  
to ws, gif ony wes: and lewis oul renunces all byrth pretis thairf, bygone and to  
cum: Attour sall not persewe the self actions, sy linge and ay and pthill the self  
sowme be contentit and payt a gune to the said James, be ws or our successouris, pthill  
sowme being repayt to him, his wris or assigndis agane, that we and our forsailes  
be fre to calle and persewe as we were before the making of thir presontis: Attour  
we will and grantis that thir our letteris salis of thir 28th strenth and awill, and of thir  
effect, as the said contrackis, iekis, obligacionis, and furfments laid bome particu-  
ilarie, singulare and se: of thir mairist and ex-cessit; becas the summe of wch  
tane to the said James: In witness herof to the presontis subscrybit with our hand  
our propir seal is affixt at Glasgow, the xxvij day of October, the zeir of God



M. V<sup>e</sup> lxvj zeris, before thir vitnes, Mr. James Blair, Lowrance Neisbit, Robert Blair, James Striueling, Schir Willame Tully and Alexander Bargille.

Hee est vera copia principalium literarum, in quorum et noctarum inter prenominatos  
preilliustres persones, legitime examinata et scripta per aliam seribam, me ellis  
necessariis curis occupata, de verbo in verham cum originali concordans,  
riteque collata per me.

DAVIDE WYLZ in aliis publicum act. manu.

RATIFICATION by King James VI., with consent of the Roger Lennox, to James  
Strueling of Kair, Knight, and Jonet Chisholme, his spouse, of their former  
gift of the half Lands of Innerallum, 4th February 1570.

193. JAMES by the grace of God King of Scottis, to all and sundry oure justes, ministeris of  
law, clerkis of oure chancellarie, officieris, lieges and subiectis quib[us]cumque, Greeting.  
Forsamek as that sen it is perfyre understand, to ws and oure dearest gudisir, Matho  
Erle of Lenox, Lovi Lernye, &c. Tutor and Regent to ws our childe, and lieges,  
that our bout James Strueling of Kair, Knyght, and Jonet Chisholme his spouse, wer  
presentit to oure dearest M<sup>r</sup> ber, becan the autorite f[or]e the tyme, be hir presentation  
under the testimoniall of the gret S<sup>r</sup>ll, in immediat tenuris of the half landis of  
Innallum, with the half of the mylne, mylne landis, and half fisching therof, by the  
water of Forth, lyand within oure shiredom of Stirlinge, thame by noa in hir  
handis be the lawis of the realme, and privilegys of the croone, to possesse the knyphill  
Johnne Hume of Humehill, quhane the same personis heretabill in his tyme, ws  
bome bastard, and deceissit bastard, without lechfull chyf of his baly gevin, or lech-  
full disposition maid be him thairf in his lytyme; to Alexander, Lord Hume, super-  
iour thairf, requiring him to resseeve the saidis James and Jonet his spouse, and their  
aifs, in immediat tenuris thairf, and to lefft thame heretabill thairf; as the saidis  
letteris of presentation at mair lechfull prop[ri]tis: Erin as it is understood to ws and  
oure said dearest tutor and regent, that be vertew of the said presentation the saidis  
James and Jonet his spouse has the just vicerit right and title of the saidis half landis,  
half mylne, mylne landis, and half fisching thairf, with thair pertinents, altho that es-  
zit, (as we ar informit,) the said superiour has debyt to lefft thame thairf. And  
thairf we and oure said dearest tutor and regent now willing that the saidis James  
and Jonet be na langer frustrate nor deleyit in obtenging heretabill incurrant of the  
saidis half landis, half mylne, mylne landis, and half fisching with the pertinents,  
ac ording to the tenour of the said presentation; half grynd under hir, and be the  
tutoris h[er]of gryndis and ordinis, that in said presentation shall be half and resseeve



sik full effect and execution, as gif the samyn wer direct in oure awin name, nochtwithstanding oure said derrest Moder, in quhous name the samyn is direct, be now deposit and We justlye and lawfullie providit to oure crowne and auctorite of this realme: anent the quhilkis proceedingis thairypone, we, with avise of oure said derrest tutor and regent, dispensis for ws and oure successoris by thir presentis: And in cais the said lord superior forsaide refuse to obey and fulfill the said presentationis and command thairof, thane and in that caiss, we now as thair, and thane as now, be thir presentis command and charge, with avise and consent forsaide, that ze oure clerkis of Chancellarie direct preceptis and forder charges in oure name, agains the said superior, at the instance of the saidis James and Jonet his spous, in dew forme of chancellarie, be the ordour thairof, for causing thame be heretabillie infest in the saidis half landis, Laff mylne, mylne landis, and half fisching, with the pertinentis, according to the tennour of the said presentationis: and also that ze oure saidis Juges gif thame proces, letteris and executioun vsit and requisit in sik caisses thairypone, siclike and als frelie in all respectis and conditionis, as gif the said presentationis wer grantit and direct in oure name: Gevin vnder oure signet, and subscrivit be oure said derrest regent, at Strueling the ferd day of Februarie, and of oure regne the ferd zeir, 1570.



NOTARIAL INSTRUMENT at the instance of James Strueling of Keir against Alexander Lord Home, anent the lands of Innerallone, 9th Febr. 1570.

Apud Castellam Edinburgi, nono die mensis Februario, anno Domini millesimo  
quingentesimo septuagesimo, annoque regni supremi domini nostri Regis, quartae  
hora quasi dimidiata (quarte post meridiem, aut eo circa).

194. THE quhilk day, in presence of me notare publice said witnesses ynderwritin, comperit personalie James Strueling of Achile, procurator lawfullie constituite for ane honorable man, James Strueling of Keir knyght, qua past to the forsett of the Castell of Edinburgh, within the quhilk are noble lord Alexander Lord Home, superior of the landis ynderwritin, has his present dwelling and remaning, and thair requisit Johnne Raid, ane of the porters of the said castell, and seruand to the Laird of Girange, now capitane thairof, to suffer and permit the said James, procurator fiscall, have enterens within the said castell to the said Laird to the effect ynderwritin, and to mak



abjectissimis thairof to the said Laird, quha past munday the 23 and 24 syrrit the said noble Lairds auisuer thairupoun to quhaire the said Laird and his servand Johnne Cranston, son to the late reu of Thirlsme Mains, to al his auisuer upon the samyn, quhilk was that his Laird, as he was informit, wald mycht obey the presentacion underwritten: Quhairfore the said procurator, sone he wald mycht come nor appyle of the said noble Lairds personale presense, he being within the said castell as said is, he thairfor, after the forme and tenour of the letters of presentacion alreadi fouch of Chancellor in Gove, S. Johnne Laird, mycht require his Lordship, in presence of his said comillare servand, the notar publick and witness, s. vnderwritten, within the forrest fairzett of the said castell, to array and myself the said James Striling of Kair, and Jane Cheishorne his spous in tennants to him of the lands of Halt Invercalloune, to array and to infect thame to quhairfis the laird, and the abris lauchfullie gotten, or to be gotten be-quin thame, quhilkis talwing to the said James, his quhaire-syneair, be his Lordis chaceur and proespit in due and respcient forme, to be haldin of his Lord and his wife, sicht and als belli, as vnyfide Johnne House of Hurnishall held the saym of his Laird and his successours of before, conforme to the saidis letters of presentacion grantit to thame be the said s. s. i. Johnne Laird, thairupoun, and letters of dispensacion grantit now be mure souverain Lord with consent of his derrest gardesire, Mathew Erle of Lennox, Laird Cheishorne, his tounur and regent to his grace, his regne and lieges, vpon the bolesaid presentacion, as the samyn subscrivit be his grace's derrest gardesire bolesaid, and gosir vnder his hilles regne [s. i. and b. sign. t] at Scruelling, the xvi day of Februar, 1570, and of his grace's regne the xvi yere, and as the said Letter of procurator, past intit to the presence, in thame seluis at mair leuth propertie: And zit is of before the said procurator require the said Johnne Laird, vorer bolesaid, to sicht and permit him self, the notar publick and witnessis underwritten, to entir forder within the said Castell to the said Lordis personale presence, to the effect bolesaid, quha refusit any way to do the samyn, but constraint the said procurator, the notar, and witnessis bolesaidis to deport and pass forth at the said fairzett of the said Castell, and walt ne sicht as to entir vassallis agane. And thairfor the said procurator delivert attenck a pos of the said letters of presentacion and dispensacion to Christopher Frude, servand also to the said Laird in presence of the said Johnne Cranston, servand to the said Laird, quha result the samyn: And procurator submittis the forder oblates thairupoun and remeill of law: Quhairupon he askit instrumentis now or nof for me to my self underwritten: This was done within the said tider bolesaid, and warth the same day, before this and plaine roste the bolesaid to do this witnessis: Dauid Menteith, Dauid Royston,



seruandis to Johnne Menteith of Kerss, Cristopher Fruid, seruand to the said Lord, and the said Johnne Raid, porter, witnessis requirit to the premissis.

Ita est Jacobus Hoppringile, notarius publicus in premissis recausitus, manu propriâ.  
J. H.

CONTRACT between James Striueling of Keir, Knight, and Robert Hammiltone of Boghous, 4th November 1570.

195. At the place of Keir, the fourt day of November, the zeir of God I<sup>M</sup> V<sup>E</sup> thre schirten zeiris: It is appoyntit and fandlie agreeit betwix honorable personnes, viz., James Striueling of Keir krycht, on the ane parte, and Robert Hammiltone of Boghous, on that vther part, in maner as effir followis, that is to say, Forsamekly as the said James hes payed and delivere to the said Robert the soume of ane hundreth merkis vusual money of this realme, at the making heirof, quhairof he haddis him weill contentit, satisfit, and payed, and thairfoir exoneris, quichonis and discharginis the said James of the samyn for now and ever: thairfoir the said Robert hes resignit and ouergeuynlyk as he this present, for him and his airis, purleie and simple be staff and bastoun resignis and ouregeuis, all and hauill the landis of Boghous, milu and milnalandis of Baldernok, with thair pertinentis, lyand in the shiresdomis of Striueling, in the landis of the said James and his airis, as superioris theirof, ad perpetuam remanentiam: Zit neuirtholes the said James faytfullie promissis, that in eis the said Robert, within thre zeiris nextt after the day and daft heirof, pay and redeliver agane to him the foirnommit soume of ane hundreth merkis, and als within the suwyn thre zeiris gesys and deliveris to him and his airis one sufficient reseruacion maid in competent and dew forme, seit and subscribed be the said Robert, continand one certeine soume of money to be modifeit be the Abbot of Kilwynnyng and . as for redempcion and owtquitting of the saidis landis fra him, be the said James and his airis, conforme to ane decret arbitrall pronounced and geynt be the Lordis of Counsell for redempcion and owtquitting of the landis of Bellindroch, annalit be vngayhill Thomas Galbreyth, as the said decret at mair leith propidis, to entir and put the said Robert in the landis abone nemmit, and he thane to haif full and free regres and ingres thairto, sielyik as he had befoir the making of the said resignation: In witnes of the quilk thing bayth the saidis partieis has subscribed this present contract with thair handis day, zeir and place forsaidis, befor thir witnes, James Striueling in Striueling, James Striueling of Auchyill, Andre Schiw, Jhone Striueling, and Jhone Muschett, notar publicus, with vtheris ducers.

ROBERT HAMILTON in my hand.



The ferd of Nouember 1570. Robert Hamilton mad this resignation, in the place of Kere, at viii houris befor myne, in the britis landis, quha personelle ressauit the samyn; quhairupone he askit instrumentis: Witness, James Sterling in Sterling, James Sterling of Auchyill, John Sterling, Andre S. Law, and William McIlroy in the park of Keir. J. MACHETE, Notarius.

PRESENTATION by Sir James Struelling of Keir, Knight, to James Struelling, his Son, of the Chaplainry of St. Mary, within the Cathedral Church of Dunblane, 20th December 1574.

196. Be it kend till all men be thir present letteris, me Sclir James Struelling of Keir, Knycht, vndoutit patron of the Chaiplanrie or alterage vnderwritten, to haif g-ain grantit, and disponit, and be the tenour beirof gatis grants, and disponis, to James Struelling my sone, all and haill the Chaiplanrie of our Lady altare, sumynge situate within the Cathedrall Kirk of Dunblane, with all landis, tenementis, and mells, fructis, rentis, emolumentis, and dewiteis quhatsunemair pertayning or that rychtisliche my portens thereto; to be possessit, brukit, josit, intromedit with, visit and disponit by the said James, for support of his interteiment at the seulis, according to the set of parliament mad thairupon: now vacant in my landis, and being at my disposition, thow admittit and tynsall of the said Chaiplanrie, ipso facto, be Sclir William Bilkwell, last Chaipline thairof, for his nooneperance befor the Superintendent or Commisisoner of the dioeche, to gif his attestacion of his fayth and beliefe to my sone James Lord and his auctorite at the tyme, appoinitit by the act of parliament mad thairupon, as in the samyn act mad thairant at mair borth is content; with seall power and libertie to the said James to vprak vse and dispone all and shairis landis, mells, fructis, rentis, emolumentis, and dewiteis of the said Chaiplanrie, with all and shairis emolumentis and fructis, freibes thairof, frelie, quallie, weill and in pece, but my requirement, obstakill, impediment or agane calling quhatsunair. Requiring heriore ryght hanfie, the Lordis of Sessionn to grant and direct letters in the fourt termis and afteris necessir, for causyn the said James, now Chaipline of the said Chaiplanrie, [to quilk he is] preuidit as said is, [to be] answerit, obeyit and payit of the said landis, mells, fructis, emolumentis and dewiteis thairof, conforme to the said act of parliament. In witness of the quilk thing, to thir presentis subscryvit with my hand my self is affixit at the Keir, the twentie day of Decembre, the xvi of God 1574. O. O. the seire and fourtene yeiris, befoir thir witness, James Struelling. Andrie John Sterling

James Sterling of Keir K.



CONTRACT between Sir James Striuling of Keir, Knight, and William Schaw of Knockhill, 21st May 1580.

197. AT Striuling, the twenty one day of Mai, the xvir of God 1<sup>o</sup> Vc lxxx xvir: It is appoinct betwix ane honorabil man, Schir James Striuling of Keir knyght, on the one part, and William Schaw of Knockhill, on the other part, equall partis of the tow and landis of Innerellown, land within the shiresdom of Striuling: ther forasmuch that it is understand be both the saidis partieis that the said tow and landis was devyldt of hir by the naturall censem of the said Schir James, and ynglyll, And Schaw of Knockhill, father to the said William, be the space of threty xviris or thereby, and sensyn occupit (as devyldt) by the saidis partieis, and their tenementis in their handis, as the samyn ar knownin to thair mechtit and morebit presentlie: Thairfor it is agreeit betwix the saidis partieis that the said division stand in all tymis comyng as landis devyldt ad perpetuam remaneuton, and their infuencieis respetive to be effectual thairment: saifand that the said Schir James consentis and grantis, for him and his airis, that the said William and his airis shall bruk and jois perpetuallie the said Schir James part of the medow of the saidis landis occupit presentlie by William Ricke tenement to the said Schir James, togidir with that portion of land of the saidis landis callit the Shiroffis croft, may beand in the said William Schawis possession. And heiro bayth the saidis partieis bindis and obliis thame to stand and abyld, but refection or contradiction, in tymis comynge. In witnes quaelius bayth the saidis partieis subscryvit this present contract and appointment, bly, xvir and place forsayd, to day thir wimes, James Schaw of Sawelye, Ihone Murray of Toreghelme, James Balfour of Bughall, Maister William Striuling persone of Aberfule, James Striuling his brother and Janes Striuling of Aysquith.

JAMES SCHAW of Sawelye witnes.

JAS. STRIULING of Keir.

IHONE MURRAY of Toreghelme witnes.

WILZAM SCHAW of Knockhill.

VILLAME SCHAW witnes.

Maister William Striuling witnes.

JAMES STRIULING witnes.

JAMES STRIULING of Auchyll witnes.

CONFIRMATION by the Deputy of Colin Earl of Argyll, Justice General of Scotland, of a Charter of the Barony of Keir in favour of James Striuling of Keir and Archibald Striuling, Esq. on 25th July 1582.

198. MAGISTER IOANNES GRAINGER de Hazzards, Justicij suis deputatus nobilis et potenter



domini, Colini Comitis Ergadie, Domini Cambell et Lorrie Justiciariorum Generalium supremi domini nostri Regis totius regni sui vblibet constituti, viuversis et singulis ad quicunq; notitias presentes litera p[ro]miserunt. Salutem. Scilicet, quod comparuit coram me, in curia Justiciariorum Supremi domini nostri Regis vice exaltata de Perth, tente in portorio borgi de Perth, vicesimo quinto die mensis Julii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo octuagesimo secundio. Jacobus Striuling de Keir, liberetatem suarum subscriptarum, pro se, ac nomine Archibaldi Striuling sui filii, suorum earundem, et ibidem ostendebat chartae factae per nobilissimum patrem suum Jacobum sexum, Dei gratia Seuorum regem, dicto Archibaldo Striuling appositi de Keir, de omniis et singulis terris subscriptis, vizi, terris de Kell, cum uocis terris, molendinis fullonum, granorum, et locis earundem, terris de Kipp, nautie, terris de Lepnoch, cum p[ro]p[ri]etate earundem, terris de Strowie, cum molendinis earundem, terris de Darschlovin, terris de Rutherford Striuling alias Quiles de Strathallan, Clessingallie, Schaw, ille Wester Coig, ille Woll Coig, Berchime, ille Little Coig, ille West Potell, cum molendinis de Coigis, ac terris de Glenly, cum tec[nic]is, tenandris, libertetim serviciis earundem, adiunctis, diciturque expellentia quae et Hereditas de Hamble de Lupis, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Perth, viatis, creditis, annexatis et incorporatis in unum merum et illorum borgiam, per quas temporibus futuris, Baroniam de Keir mancipi adam, ut tempore illius etiam anno millesimo quinque temporibus retroactis tente fuerit; restabendo inde annuitatibus dictis Aribili Baldus Striuling et heredes sui in dictis certa conterit, et anno 1600 Regis et suis successoribus, unum per eadem in deingatoria, et patentes coronum, ad obitu[m] suorum de Keir, in die festo pentachostes, si petatur tantum; prout in dictis chartis de data apud castrum de Striuling, decimo sexto die mensis Septembris, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo septuagesimo nono, et regni dicti superius denuo nostri Regis decimo tercio latius continetur. Quinquep[er] lectionem, de testamento ac dictis in jutio perfectam et exanimatam, admissimus, ac omnia et singula in dictis chartis, et dictis annis et approbamus. In eiusdem testimoniis presentibus, nunc, I. Henrici Bollandi de Auchnowie militis, Clerici Justiciariorum Generalium, subscriptis, sigillum officii Justiciariorum est appensum, anno, id, mense et loco prescriptis.

Litteras Bullesas Clericos Justiciariorum

TESTAMENT of Sir James Striuling of Keir, Knight, confirmed 9th December 1591.

159. The Testament Testimoniator, and Interator of the goods, gear, summes of money, and dottis pertaining to xvjijillie ane ryght honourabill man, Sir James



Struiling of Keir, knyght, within the shirebome of Perth, the tyme of his deceiss, quha deceissit in Cadder besid Glazew, upon the thrid day of Februar, the zeir of God, ane thowsand fyve hundreth four seoir acht zeiris, foythfull maid and grawn up be ane ryght honourabill man. Schir Archibald Struiling now of Keir, knyght, onlie executour testamenter acceptant, nominat be the said wmfuhle Schir James Struiling of Keir, knyght, his fader, in his latterwill underwritten, of the dail at Cadder, the fourt day of September, the zeir of God fairsaid, as the stanyne, wrting and subscrivit with his awin hand, at leath propertis.

In the first, the said wmfuhle Schir James Struiling of Keir, knyght, had the guidis, geir, sowmes of money and denis, of the awill and priess after following, perteyning to him the tyme of his deceiss fairsaid viz. Item, upon the ground and landis of Any in the Shirebome of Perth, in pasturing and birling, fyfie ane greit ky, price of the pece ourheid, sex pund, thretene schillingis, four penneis, &c. &c. . . . .  
 Item of reble money in priess the sowme of thriescoir sex pundis, thretene schillingis four penneis. Item in abilmentis and ornamentiis of his bole, by the airshippe, estimat to the sowme of thriescoir six pundis, thretene schillingis, four penneis. Item of siluer wark, by the airshippe, twa siluer pees weyand seneone vne wecht, ane siluer saltar weyand six vnce wecht, ane blossone of siluer spynnes weyand twelf vnce wecht, ane littil maser and fyve blak cuppis with siluer about the edggs thairof, weyand ellowin vnce wecht, extending in the haill to fourtie fyve vnce wecht of siluer wark, by the airshippe, price of the mesame, 11 fourtene schillingis summa, four seoir ten pundis. Item in ynnellis and domeillis of his place of Keir, Cadder, and hows in Struiling, by the airshippe, estimat and extending to the summe of twa hundredth thriescoir sex pacellis, thretene schillingis, four penneis.

Summi of the Inventar iij. v. lxxxvij. xii. viij.

Followis the dettis awin to the deid. Item thair was awin to the said wmfuhle Schir James Struiling of Keir knyght, be my Lord Simplic, for the defunctis relif of can tieoun quhilik he payit for his lordshippe predecessouris to Thomas Marjoribankis of Rathie, the sowme of seven hundreth pundis money. Item awin be the executouris of wmfuhle Robert Grahame of Kinkellis, conforme to his obligacion, the sowme of thriescoir six pundis, thretene schillingis four penneis. Item awin be Robert Struiling of Letter, conforme to his obligacion, the sowme of twa hundredth pundis money. Item awin be the tenementis and occupancis of the landis of Bellendroch &c. . . . .



Summa of the dettis awin to the deild — l*v* xxiiii<sup>2</sup>

Summa of the Inventar with the dettis — iiiij<sup>2</sup> ii<sup>2</sup> xvii<sup>2</sup> xi<sup>2</sup> viii<sup>2</sup>

Followis the dettis awin be the deild. Item thair was awin be the said wmeophile Sir James Striuling of Keir, kreycht, to Archibald Maistertoun in for ane annuel rent furth of the defunctis landis of Innerloun, resten the Witsonday and Mertimes termes in anno ane thowsand fywe hundreth four scoir aucht zeiris, the sowme of fourie pundis money, &c. &c. . . . .

Item awin to James Striuling Advocate in Edinburgh, for ane annuelrent furth of the landis of Glenbank, in anno ane thowsand fywe hundreth four scoir aucht zeiris, the sowme of ten pundis money. Item awin to James Striuling in Bengour, for ane annuelrent furth of the landis of Uchiltrie, in anno ane thowsand fywe hundreth four scoir aucht zeiris, the sowme of threttene pundis, six schillingis, aucht pennies. Item awin to Jhonne Grahame in Dunnance, for ane annuelrent furth of the landis of Tomba in anno ane thowsand fywe hundreth four scoir aucht zeiris, the sowme of fourtie pundis money. Item awin to James Striuling of Archyle, for ane annuelrent furth of the landis of Haistoun and Blairphairne, resten in anno ane thowsand fywe hundreth four scoir aucht zeiris, the sowme of fourtie two pundis, threttene schillingis, four pennies &c. &c. . . . .

Item awin to James Striuling of Auchill, for his zeiris the resten in anno ane thowsand fywe hundreth four scoir aucht zeiris, the sowme of twentie pundis money. Item awin to Jhonne Striuling alias Bait, for his sie resten the said zeir the sowme of twentie pundis money. Item awin to James Striuling, brother to Williame Striuling of Low, for his sie resten the said zeir, the sowme of twentie pundis money. Item awin to David Forrester seruand, for his sie resten the said zeir, the sowme of twentie pundis money. Item awin to James Striuling, Stadler, for his sie resten the said rest, the sowme of threttene pundis six schillingis aucht pennies. Item awin to Williame Baxter, Cuk, for his sie resten the said zeir the sowme of ten pundis money. Item awin to Thomas Arthur, brewster, for his sie resten the said zeir, the sowme of ten pundis. Item awin to George Gray, portier, for his sie resten the said zeir, the sowme of six pundis threttene schillingis four pennies. Item awin to Robert Mersell, Steward, for his sie resten the said zeir the sowme of ten pundis money. Item awin to Jhonne Dryisdaill, Gairdner in Keir, for his sie resten the said zeir, the sowme of threttene pundis six schillingis aucht pennies. Item awin to Mervyn Leslie, coler of umephile Jhonne Ra, gardner in Calder, for his sie resten the said zeir, the sowme of threttene pundis six schillingis aucht pennies. Item awin to Petie Jhone, ston-



seruand, for his fe resten the said zeir, the sowme of six pundis threttene schillingis four penneis. Item to Jane Monereif, seruand, for his zeiris fe resten the said zeir, the sowme of six pundis threttene schillingis four penneis. Item awin to Margaret Husdill, nureis, for his fe resten the said zeir, the sowme of ten pundis money. Item awin to Margret Merser, wifes, for his fe resten the said zeir, the sowme of six pundis threttene schillingis. Item awin to Crystene M'Ilroy seruand, for his fe resten the said zeir, the sowme of fywe pundis. Item awin to Joneit Scott, seruand, for his fe resten the said zeir, the sowme of six pundis threttene schillingis four penneis. Item awin to Sir Angus, seruand, for his fe resten the said zeir, the sowme of fywe pundis money. Item awin to Helene Carrick, seund, for his fe resten the said zeir, the sowme of fywe pundis, money.

Summa of the deidis awin to the deid — v<sup>l</sup> lxxxxiiii<sup>th</sup> vi<sup>l</sup> viii<sup>th</sup>

Restis of fre geir, the l*oris debuit* — iiij<sup>th</sup> vii<sup>l</sup> xxiiii<sup>th</sup> vi<sup>l</sup>

To be diuidit in thre paireis.

The deidis paire is — — — ii<sup>l</sup> iii<sup>l</sup> vii<sup>th</sup> xv<sup>l</sup>

Followis the deidis Legacie and Lattervill.

At Cadd x, the fourt day of September, the zeir of God I<sup>l</sup> VI<sup>l</sup> four seoir ancht zeiris. The quibilk day I nominat and constitutis my wif, and my sonne Archibald, my executouris and intromettouris with my haill guidis and geir, and crededitis thame tunc of all thiengis that my d<sup>r</sup> spesid<sup>r</sup> to me to haue no charypoun, for payng of all deidis awin be me, be thair discretion. Item, I ordain all iugementis and securities maid to quix my sonnes Archibald and James be surlie keepit in all pointis, and James securities to be delyuerit to himself or to his muler to keep to him. Item, I l<sup>le</sup> to Archibald all plenesingis that is on land, except samckill that is on land appertaining to my wif, and that bot his lyftyme offe. Item, I ordane my wif and my sonne Archibald to pleneis the half land givn to James, and to big him ane ressombill hous, ather in Kippindavie or Lanerk, and l<sup>le</sup>ndis it wail and honestlie in all thiengis necessar. Item, I pray and counsallis my wif and my sonne Archibald to remeue and keip hous togidder, and my wif to be ayder of the haill lowing and hous so long as scho lowis, and Archibald to use his costisell, for that is his gret weill. I pray Archibald that in rawayis he be exctit away by his muleris counsail be na bode for scho is his maist lowing freind. Item, gif it comis, as God perbile, that my wif and my sonne Archibald can not agree, bot to separat thame selfis, to haile awin lowings, and haile shaldris hous, in that cais, I ordaine all plenesingis within Cadder, or that appertains to it, ather



within the place, or without it, that appertenis to Cailler or that lewing, appertene to my wif, vnder inuentar and cautioan it be furtheunmane to Archibald after his deceis, alwaysis the airshippe, baith in siluer wark and vther geir, apertene to Archibald. Item, I ordaine the keyis of all evidents be delyneit to Archibald, and it that appertenis to my wif for seruynge of his lyfrent be delyneit to his self, selyk vnder inuentar, to be delyneit agane to Archibald at his deceis, alwaysis that James evidents and securitis to be delyneit to himself or to his moder to keþ to him, as said is. Item, I ordaine the securiti that is maid to Jhonue remane with his moder, sa longe as scho lewis, and after his to be delyneit to Archibald, it is resonabill he be sustenit. Item, I leif all that apertenis, or may apertene, to me in all thingis to Archibald, not hirring my wif for his tyme, and after his deceis all to be delyneit to Archibald, except it plesis my wif to leif part to our dochter Margret, or vther freindis, be his discretion. Item, I leif the helping of seruands and pure freindis to the discretion of my wif and my sonne Archibald. As to my counsall quhow Archibald shall gowerne him self, or quhais companye and counsall he shall vse, I refer that to his awin wisdome, for I holp in his judgment. Item, I ordaine that the plenessing that is within my hous and hulding in Striuling be delyneit to my wif, becaus scho is in coniunctie with me of it, and zit vnder inuentar and cautioan that it be redelyuerit agane to my sonne Archibald at his deceis. Item, becaus I haif ordainit that my wif and my sonne Archibald shall remane togidder, and hold hous togidder, and my wif gydar of the haill lewing, bayth apertenig to his and him, and that for his weill and putting afairhind siluer to redeme the land that lyis in valset. I ordaine that as sif fer is put afairhind, that the wodent land be redemit, and first of that land that my wif is in coniunctie of, becaus my sonne is oblesisit to mak his coniunctie frie of all wodsettis. Item, becaus I haif aaid alreadie my sonne Archibald assignay to all my reversiounes, contractis, obligacionis, and all vther deittis that I may craif, I ratifie the samyne, and constitutis him of new my assignay, to all as he wer my eldest sonne and air, and surrogatis him in his place in all thingis, as he wer my werrie lauchfull air. Item, I ordaine my sonne James to wait weill upon his brother Archibald, and be ane gode seruand to him, and thame bayth to be gode and kynd sonnes to thair moder, that thay may be all togidder, and spend thair lewing togidder sa lang as scho lewis, and James to marie be the alwyse of his moder and his brother Archibald. God gif my wif dayis to haif with thame, and be ane gode moder and gowernor to thame, and thay to be gode obedient sonnes to him, quikly gif thay do, I dout not bot God shall assist thame with his holly spreit, that thay may leif togidder in hit, upright to God, trwth to thame, and kynd to thair freindis. My blessing I leif with thame, on all my banchis, cydis, and freindis. This I lyf for my



Latterwill be this my testament, writhin and subscrivit with my hand, day, zeir and place foirsaid.

Sic subscrivit. JAMES STRITILING of Keir.

We Maisteris Johnne Prestoun, Edward Bruce, Johnne Arthur and Johnne Nicolson, Aduocattis, Commissaris of Edinburgh, speciallie constitut for confirmation, be the tennour heirof, ratifeis, appreuis, and confirmis this present Testament . . .  
At Edinburgh the nynt day of December I<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> four score elevin zeiris.

CONTRACT of MARRIAGE between Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, Knight, and Grissel Ross, daughter of Iacob Sempill, Lady Ross, 18th March 1589.

200. AT Glesg<sup>w</sup> the auctorite day of Marche, the zeir of God I<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup> lxxx nyne zeiris: It is appointit, contractit, and matrimoniall made, betwix the honorabell pairtis following, to wit, Sir Archibald Striuling of Keir, knight, as principall, John Napier baron of Merchinstoun, Iolne Murray of Tweedlane, Johnne Striuling of Craigbarrett, Henrie Striuling of Ardoch, James Kinross of Kippenross, and Williame Striuling of Law, coniunctie and seuerallie, as Cautionaris and swartees for him, for fulfilling of his pairt of this present contract, whome the said knight, Iacob Jeane Sempill, Ladie Ross, Grissel Ross hir dochter, as principallis, Robert Montgomerie of Skelmurie, How Montgomerie of Hisselheid, Robert Sempill farr of Edinbal, John Blair of that ilk, Allano Lokhart of Clegorne, and Iacob Stewart of Craggall, as cautionaris and swartees for thame, for fulfilling of their pairtis of this contract, on the other pairt, in maner, form, and effect as esfir followis, that is to say: The said Sir Archibald shall, God willing, marie to his spousit wyfe the said Grissel, and shall remunerat and compliet the banns of matrimonie with hir in free of hale kirk betwix and the twentyn day of Junii nextmoore, and befor the said mariage shall deuise and suffisandly intit the said Grissell, in hir virginitie, in lyfretn for all the dayes of hir lyfetyme, in all and hale his lendifs of Wehiltres, Eistic and Wester etc. . . . For the quhilkes caussis, and mariage to be sumpnizat, as said is, the said Jeane Ladie Ross, and hir cautionaris aboue writhin, bindis and obliessis thame . . . to pay to the said Sir Archibald . . . the sounme of six thousand merkis money of this realme in name of tochtir with the said Grissell . . . In witness quhilcof, baith the saidis pairtis, and cautionaris abouesurittin, has subscrivit this present contract with thair handis, as followis, day, zeir, and place abouesurittin befor thir witnessis, & c. James Edmestoun of Duntrath knight, Johnne Striuling of Glore, Johnne Maxwell of Portiswall, William Sempill of Bruntscheillis, William Stri-



ling Person of Aberfule, and Johanne Muschett Schirf Clerk of striueling, James Striueling of Auychill, Richart Bailzie servitor to the said Ladie Ross.

ARCHIBALD STRUELING of Keir Knycht.

JEAN SEMPILL L. Ross.

GRISSEL Ross.

HARIE STEWART of Craigiehall, ALLAN LORHART of Gilquand, IHEW MONTGOMERIE of Hissilheid, BLAIR of yat ilk, ROBERT MONTGOMERIE of Skelmurie, ROBERT SEMPILL feare of Fulwod, JOHNE NEFER feare of Merellinson, JOHN MURRAY of Tuchadem, HENRIE STIRLING of Ardlauch, JAMES KINROSS of Kippness, WILLAME STRUELING of Law, JOHNNE STRUELING of Craigbarne.

CONTRACT between Sir Archibald Sterling of Keir, Knight, and John Hamiltoun of Bardowye, 10th January 1592.

201. At Cadler, the threttene day of Januar 1592, fourseoir tuell zeiris. It is agreeit betwix Schir Archibald Sterling of Keir knycht, on the ane part, and John Hamiltoun of Bardowye, on the vther part, in maner following, to wit: Forsoothkil as the said John Hamiltoun hes ane rycht and tyill need to haif of the landis of Wester Bankir, lated within the perochie of Campsy, be John Sterling of Bankir, and that be vewie of tak and assedatioun grantit be the said John Sterling to the said John Hamiltoun and to his spous, quhairof thair is zeris to ryn, for the payment of certan dewitie to the said John Sterling, as is conuenit in the said tak: And alia torsmickil as the said John Hamiltoun is infest be the said John Sterling, with consent of the said Schir Archibald, in ane annuelrent of sex boallis meill zeirlie to be tenu furth of the saidis landis of Bankir, vnder reuersion conuenand the sown of tua hundreth merkis, as the contract, infestment, and seasing grantit thairvpon proporsit: Notwithstanding quhairof, the said John Hamiltoun of Bardowye premisisse faythfullie be thair presents to the said Schir Archibald, and obliss him, that quhowsome, or at quikat tym, the said Schir Archibald sall content and pay to him the said John Hamiltoun the forsaide sown of tua hundreth merkis money, togidder with sik vther sowmes of money as the said John Sterling salbe fund justlie addettit to the said John Hamiltoun, or that salbe agreeit on betuix the saidis John Sterling and John Hamiltoun, to be awand be eynit and reckning: Than and in that eace, the said John Hamiltoun sall entir the said Schir Archibald in his place of the said tak of Bankir and infestment of the annuelrent for said, and sall renunce, quivit-cluse, and onerall in the said Schir Archibaldis favour his said rychtis maid to him of the saidis landis of Bankir and annuelrent for said, to



gidder with all vther ryght, tytill, clame, or entres, that the said Iohn Hammitoun can acclame or present thairto, by any vther maner of way, to the effect the said Schir Archibald may peaceably bruk the saidis landis, without hynder or clerg to be maled to him be the said Iohn Hammylton thereto in all tym cuming. Provydng always the the said Schir Archibald obesue and haif the said Iohn Sterlengis consent to the premissis. In witness quhaireof bayth the saidis partis haif subscryvit thir presents with thair handis, day, zeir and place forsaid, bairn thir witness, James Struiling of Kippendavye, M<sup>t</sup> William Sterling Person of Norrule, Alexander Schaw, and David Forrester, servitouris to the said Schir Archibald.

ARCHIBALD STERLING of Keir.

JOHN HAMLTOWN of Baredewe.

CONTRACT between Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, Knight; Dame Jean Cheisholme, Lady Keir, his mother; and William Sinclair of Galwaldmoir, and James Sinclair his brother, 8th April 1536.

202. At Stirling the viii day of Apryle, the xvi of the yere of God 1<sup>o</sup> vi<sup>o</sup> fourceoir saxtine zeiris: It is appoyntit, contractit, and fynallie agreed betweix thir partis following, to wit, Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, knyght, Dame Jean Cheisholme, Lady Keir, his mother, and the said Sir Archibald as taking the barding upon him fer the remanent his kin and freindis, on the one part, William Sinclair, now of Galwaldmoir, sonne and aire of vnguill William Sinclair of Galwaldmoir, and James Sinclair his brother, for that resoun and takand the barding upon him fer their other brother and suster, and remanent thair kin and freindis, and all vtheris heward or pertinente entries to the landis and actioune vndierwritin, on the vther part, in maner forme and effect as thir followis, that is to say: Forsameidly as vnguill Sir James Stirling of Keir, knyght, had all and haill the landis of Archibald, with thair pertinents, lyand within the parochin of Dunbar, pertenuing to him be the swerall rychtis, the ane thairof be alienatioun and disposition made by vnguill Sir James Stirling of Keir, knyght, to be heldin of our soueraigne lordis mest noble pregeantouris; the vther be instrument of fewforme made by vnguill Williamas Bishop of Dunblane, to the said vnguill Sir James, his sires, and as Anis thairtof; the quhaile landis were amaleit and disponit be the said vnguill Sir James to the said Sir Archibald his sonne, his aris and assignais, and to the said Sir Archibald to vnguill James Stirling of Kippendavye, his brother, quhairtho he had the remanent rycht, still, lyndis and possessioun of the saidis landis: Nowwher standing quhaileff, the said vnguill William Sinclair,



without ony iust caas or occasioun mowit and gewin to him maist vnguardell, vnykyndlie, and agunes all freindly denie, purchest and obteint of our soueraine lord, to him self, his airis, and assignaies, are infestment of fewfernes of the saidis landis of Auchinbie, as being ane part of the temporall landis of the said bisshoprik of Dunblane, and perteyning to our said soueraine lord, be resone of the annexation of kirk landis to his Majesties crowne, and alodgit becomming in his thones landis and at his disposition, threchis nonconfirmation of the said vnguill Sir James infestmentis thairf oisaid, grantit to him be the said vnguill William Bisshop of Dunblane, intending thairby to have dispossess the said vnguill Sir James Stirling and his predicesouris possession and kyndis of the saidis landis perteyning to thame in maner oisaid: Be occasioun quhailef procedit and ingenerit grit enmitie and discentions betuix the said vnguill Sir James, his said sones, and the said vnguill William Sinclair, and sindrie persuiteis and actesbris mowit agunes vtheris thairthow, and at the last maist vnnaturally and vnhappilly, vpon grit sabbentie, fel out the lamentable slaehter of the saidis vnguill James Stirling, vnguill William Sinclair, Edward and George Sinclairis his sones, and the hurting and wounding of the said William thair brother, commicteit vpon Witsurhay the third day of Junii 1<sup>re</sup> VI: fair-seoir threttine zeiris, sen the quhilk tyme the said feid and enmitie has contynewit betuix the saidis parteis, quail now that the said Sir Archibald, thair the said long enmitie and deidlie feid, be command of his Majestie, and be the earnest travell of the brether of the ministrie, and especially maicait with the christiane charitie and dawtie, being brocht and mowit to a desord and aye to the remyng of the samon: Thairfeir for bareing and away taking thairfeid, and of all rancour, malice and hatren consawit thairfeir, the said Sir Archibald and the said Dame Jean for thame selfis, and als the said Sir Archibald as takand the barding oisaid, sail giwe and grant to the said William Sinclair, James his brother, thair kin, freindis, allyis, assistaris and partakeris, ane letter of slane for the slaehter of the said vnguill James Stirling committit at the tyme oisaid, remitting, forgiving, and discharaging the samon, and all rancour and malice of hert, with all certain, criminall, and ewell spakill they had, lies, or may have thairfeir, in maist ample and lairge forme, as the said Willame and his said brother pleasis dewyse: Lyk as also the said William Sinclair and James his brother, for thame selfis, and takand the barding vpon thame in maner oisaid, sail giwe and grant to the said Sir Archibald ane letter of slane to the said Archibald, for the slaehter of the said vnguill William Sinclair, Edward and George Sinclairis his sones, hurting, wounding of the said William, remitting, forgiving, and discharaging the said Sir Archibald his kin, freindis, allyis, assistaris, partakeris and ser-



wandis thaird, and all rancour and malice of hert for the sumen, with all murther, criminall and civeill, quilkis thay had, les or heirefis may haue or myow agaist the said Sir Archibald and his foersaids thairfis in mist ample and lairge forme, as leidessis to dewys: And farrir, the said William Simelair acknowledgynge the said infestment of few forme of the saidis landis of Auchinbie, purchest be his said vnyphil father, maist vny philis, vnyfamilis and vnykyndle over the said Sir Archibald and his said vnyphilis britheris tend to be the only ground and fundement of the foersaide slaukteris: thairfis to the effect the sumen be nocht the occasion of fardir trubis and discouisoun betwix the saidis partis in tyne etanng, the said William Simelair for him, his aris, and successoris, les rafeit and approuit the said Sir Archibaldis infestmentis, rychtis, and titillis quhatsumewir acqyurit be his said vnyphilis brither and be him self to the saidis landis of Auchinbie in all the heidis, pointis and artis thairof, toghidir with the possessioun of the sumen . . . . As als the said William for his self and his foersaids, be the tenour he haf, renounis, quyt claimis, and ower giftis to the said Sir Archibald his aris and successoris, and in their tenouris, the foersaids infestment of the saidis landis of Auchinbie purchest be the said vnyphil William Simelair his father, with his awin rafeit, service, and sesing thairfis as ar to his said vnyphil father . . . . In witness quhairef they haue sub-eynt the sumer day, zc' and place abovewritin: before fair witness, Sir James Cheisholme of Dun-dorne, knycht, Mr. Harry Lewington, minister at Sanct Ninianes kirk, James Drummond, James Blakwood, and Johnne Museler.

WILLIAM SINCLARE  
of Galvabhaein.

JAMES SINCLARE.

JAS. CHEREHOLME.

wimes to the baill.

A. LEVINGSTONE.

witness to the baill.

JAMES BLAKWOOD, witness.

ARCHIBALD STRUELING of Keir  
JANE CHEREHOLME, LADY KEIR

MEMORANDUM of a Contract to be made between Sir Archibald Struelling of Keir, Knight, Dame Grizel Ross his spouse; and John Struelling of Wester Bankeir, and Margaret Colquhoun his spouse, 4th May 1597.

203. MEMORANDUM.—An contract to be muid betwix Schir Archibald Struelling of Keir knycht, and Dame Grizzell Ross his spouse, on the one part, and John Struelling of Wester Bankeir, and Margaret Colquhoun his spouse, on the other part, upon thair heidis following: In the first, that the said domyn and his spouse salis chlist to sell, annalise and dispense to the said Schir Archibald and his said spouse in lytren, for all



the dayis of thair lyfetyme, and to William Striuling thair son, his airis and assigndis, in fee and heretage, all and baill his saidis landis of Wester Bankeir, with housis, biggingis, zairdis, coillenis, and all thair pertinentis, to be halden of his superior thairof, als frelie as he haddis the saman, and that uther be resignationis, or be chartour and confirmationis of the saman, with chancis of verrall liee, and salt mak all uther ryght thairanent, as the said Schir Archibald and his said spous salt devys for their securitie of the premissis: Item, that the said John salt mak the said Schir Archibald his spous and sone and his foirsaidis, cessionaris and assigndis in and to all and utheris never reuersiones maid and grantit to him for redempcion of all and quhat saman or annuelmentis aynaleit be him furth of the saidis landis, and in and to the redemptioun of the saman, and to weirrand the saman fra all deid done be him that may hurt or stay the saman redemptioun: For the quhilkis causis the said Schir Archibald and his said spous to be bund and oblyst to pay to the said John, the sowme of fyve thowsand merkis money, at the termes and in manner following, that is to say, that the said Schir Archibald and his spous salt retene in thair handis sumekle of the said sowme as will redeone the saidis annuelmentis, and pay the byrran annuellis thairof, and the said John hes alreddie ressauit of the said sowme the sowme of twa hundreth merkis, and the rest of the said sowme to be payit at the termes of Witsonday and Mertynis mixtuum, quhair f that salbe oblyst to pay sex hundreth merkis at Witsonday nextour allsterlie, and the rest at the said Mertynis mixt thairefter: Item, that the said John salt renunce and discharge the sowme of fourty merkis money, quhilk vnapthill Schir James Striuling of Keir knycht his fader, and his tenementis of Cadder, was oblyst to contract to haiff payit zeirlie to the said John during his lyfetyme; and that port of the said contract safare as concerneis the saman sowme off all zeris and termes begane, and in tyme comimg during the said Johns lyfetyme: And als that the saidis parties salt discharge the contract betuix them, be the quhilk the said John ressauit the sowme of four hundreth merkis, and wes oblyst to laif indit the said Schir Archibald and his foirsaidis in ane annuelment of twa hollis viettall for euerie hundreth thairof. At Keir, the ferd day of May I<sup>o</sup> VI<sup>o</sup> four seoir sevintene zeris, befor thir witness, Maister William Erskene persone of Caupsie, and James Striuling aduocat, with utheris duers.

ARCHIBALD STERLING of Keire.

MEMORANDUM.—Ane obligation to be maid be the said Schir Archibald at the perfyting of the said contract, quhilkis be salbe oblyst to east his tenementis of his ten townis of Cadder, Bellinbrecht, Hystoun and Biquarne, eareye eareie town thairof ane dessoun of hollis of coillis zeirlie and ilk zeir to the said John and his spous during thair lyfetimes, to the town of Glasgow, in quhar bedezing thair be salthappin to be



duelling for the tyme, fra ony heuch in Campsie, or vther heuch within four myles of the said toun of Glasgw.

JHONE STERLING of Bankeir. ARCHIBALD STERLING of Keir.

W<sup>M</sup>. ERSKYN, vitnes.

JAMES STRIVLING, witnes.

OBLIGATION by John Striveling of Bankeir to Sir Archibald Striveling of Keir  
Knight, his spouse, and son, 19th January 1597.

204. I JOHNE STRIVLING of Bankeir be the tennour heirof bindis and oblliss me, my airis and assignais, to the richt honorable Schir Archibald Striveling of Keir knyght, Dame Grissell Rois his spous, and Williamie Striveling their sonne, thair airis and assignais; that becaus Isobell Fleming standis infest in the landis of Bonkeir, disponit be me to thame, vnder reuersion of four hundrech merkis money; that betuix and Martis nixtoecum, I sall obtene to thame the said Isobellis remuneration thairof in dev forme, and sall varrand thame thair airis exentouris and assignais of the said fourre hundrech merkis, and of all byryne annuellis, or of ony termis tocum, that ony wyis the said Isobell or hir airis may suit or craif ony wyis fra thame or thair fairsaids furcht of the saidis landis, directe or indirecte, in all tymes cuming . . . . In vntis heirof this my obligacioun, subscryvit with my hand, the bode writtin be Archibald Gibsoun notar, at Cuddar, the xix daye of Januar, the zeir of God I<sup>M</sup> V<sup>E</sup> LXXX sevintene zeris, befoir thir vitnes, John Hovstoun apperant of that ilk, M<sup>E</sup> William Eskine Person of Campse, Alexander Schaw, James Striveling, David Fosteir, seraltouris to the said Archibald, and Archibald Gibsoun notar.

JHONE STIRLING of Bankeir.

JOHNE HOWSTOUN apperant off that ilk vitnes.

W<sup>M</sup>. ERSKYN vitnes.

ALEXANDER SCHAW Vitnes.

CONTRACT of MARRIAGE between James Striveling, eldest son and heir of Sir Archibald Striveling of Keir, Knight, and Anna Home, eldest daughter of Sir George Home of Wedderburne, Knight, 9th July, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th August, 1606.

205. AT Perth, Polvert, Spilmerfurdmyne, Colintoan, Dunblen, Burnbank, the nynt daye of Julii, xiii. xiii. xv. xvi dayes of Augustis the zeir of God, Iai vi<sup>th</sup> and sex zoeris; It is appointit, oozreit, and fandill contractit, betuix the honorable partis following, to wit Sir Archibald Striveling of Keir knyght, for him self and takand the burlding vpone him for James Striveling, his eldest sonne and apperant air, and also the said James for him self, with expres aduys and consent of his said father, as lwechtfull adminis-



tratour, tutour, gyder and governour to him of the law, for his intres, on the one part; and Sir George Home of Wetherburne knyght, for him self, and takand the baulding vpone him for Anna Home, his eldest lawchfull daughter, and also the said Anna for hir self, with expres adays and consent of hir said father, as lawchfull administratour, tutour, gyder, and governour to hir of the law for his intres, on the vther part: in maner, forme, and effect as after followis; that is to say, the saidis James Striviling and Anna Home shall Good willing, scelennizat and compleit the band of matrimonie betwix thame in face of helle kirk, as the ordour thairof reppyris, and that betwix the date heirof, and the ellevint day of November nixtemm, or sooner gif it shall be thought expedient be the saidis partis; and befor the compleitng thairof the said Sir Archibald in contemplatioun of the said mariage, and for the sowme of money after specifit, to be payit in name of tocher as followis, be thair presentis bindis and oblissis him and his airis, with all gudelie diligence, to infest dwolie and sufficientlie, be chartour and seasing, titulo oneroso, the said Anna Home, in hir pure virginitie, in lytter for all the dayes of hir lyfytyme, in all and haill the ten pind land of Keir . . . . Reservand always, in the said instrumentis, to Dame Jean Chisholme Lady Keir, mother to the said Sir Archibald, hir lyfrent . . . . and lykwayis reservand to Dame Grissell Ross, spous to the said Sir Archibald, hir lyfrent . . . . Quhillkis landis and vtheris respective fairsaidis ar receyft be the said Anna, with consent of hir said father, be expres conditioun heir-f. in full contentatioun and satisfacioun of hir terce and thrid of all wtheris landis quhillkis may fall and pertene to hir be deces of hir said future spous: And sickyk the said Sir Archibald be thair presentis bindis and oblissis him and his fairsaidis to infest . . . . the said James Striviling, his sone and apperand air, and the airis male lawchfullie to be gotten betwix him and the said Anna his said future spous: quhillkis foliating, the said James his narrest and lawchfull airis male quhatsunewir, berand the surname and arms of Striviling, and thair assignayes heretablie, in . . . . the lands and baronie of Keir . . . . Reserving always to the said Sir Archibald his lyfrent . . . . And becauts the haill landis and levyn of Keir ar t-leit to the airis male, sum that be the promisioun of the said tolze the airis female to be procreat betwix the said James and his said future spous will be allutterlie debarrit fra all successioun thairin to the said James: Thairfuir, and for help to the saidis airis female to thair mariage, the said Sir Archibald and the said James his sone, with one consent and assent, be thair presentis bindis and oblissis thame . . . . to content and pay to the saidis airis female to be procreat betwix the said James and his said future spous, the sowme of money after specifit, viz., gif thair be bot onysir female, the sowme of thowzand merkis money of tuis realme to hir; gif thair be tair airis female, the sowme of thowzand four



thowzend merkis to be deuydit equally betwixt thame; and gif their be mo mor than a female, the sowne of twentie thowzend pundis equally amoungis thame, for thair tocher, and help to thair mariage, with partis agreeable to thair estates, and that how soone the saidis airis female salbe of the age of xviij yereis complete, and in the meidytme to intertwine elateat and yþþring the saidis hys airis female honorable and virtuous according to thair estates . . . . For the qþþillis cauissis, the said Sir George Home of Wedderburn knyght as princell, and Sir Patrick Home off Aytem, Sir John Home of Blakarour, Sir James Foulis off Collartoun, and John Johnsonis burgis of Edinburgh, as cautionaris, sorvireis, and full debtors for him, be thir pres entis, bindis and obliiss thame . . . . to content and pay to the said Sir Archibald Striving of Keir, and his airis, the sowne of aughtene thowzend merkis money of this realme, in name of tocher with the said Anna . . . . And for observing keping, and fulfiling of this present contract, an l evrie heid, article, claus, and conditionis thairof, for the part of the said Sir Archibald Striving, Sir James Forrester of Garden, James Chisholme of Cromlix, Sir George Muschett of Burschank, James Kynros Ffar of Kippanros, are becam, and be thir presentis becamis, cautionaris and sorvireis for him . . . . In witnes heiroff bath the saidis partis and cautionaris hys subseruitt this present contract with thair handis, as followis, written by James Leslie notar publick day, zeir and place, firsaidis, befoir this witnessis, viz., Jhone Comandator of Hylfrudhou, Jhone Murray of Tuchadoum, and Richard Cass written witnessis to the subserptiones of the princell partis, and subserptiones of Garden and Blakarour, cautionaris, John Erll off Marr etc., David Hunter sonng'r of Wodleburn, M<sup>t</sup> Henry Stirling servitor to the Laird of Wedderburn, James Stirling servitor to the said Sir Archibald Striling, David Muschett portlour of Murdochston, John Muschett in Mylne of Torre, M<sup>t</sup> Henry Kynross.

MAR wittes.

GEORGE HOME.

HALYEDHORS wittes

ARCHIBALD STERLING of Keir.

JHONE MURRAY of Tuchadoum wittes

JAMES STERLING.

R. CASS wittes.

A. HOME.

D. HOME wittes.

S. PA. HUME.

M. HARRIE STIRLING wittes.

J. HOME cautionar.

JAMES STERLING wittes.

J. JHONSTONE cautionar.

DAVID MUSCHETT wittes to the Laird of

JAMES FOULIS cautionar.

Cromlix and Muschett subserptiones.

Sir JAMES FORRESTER of Garden cautionar.

JHONE MUSCHETT wittes

J. C. CHISHOLME of Cromlix cautionar.

M<sup>t</sup> HENRY KYNROS wittes and fillar of

G. MUSCHETT cautionar.

the blankes abovewrittin.

JAMES KYNROS cautionar.



OBLIGATION by [Sir William Livingstone of] Kilsyth to Sir Archibald Sterling of Keir,  
Knight, 16th December 1609.

206. THUS SALL TESTIFIC, THAT NOCHTWIDISTAND SELLIR ARCHEBALD STIRLING OFF KEIR KNYCHT, BE  
WERTEN OFF ANE CONTRACT OFF THE DAIT HERTOFF, AMPT THE DISPOSITION OFF THE SUPERIORITY OFF  
THE LANDIS OFF KINGKAID AND BIRLSOUTH, IS MEST TO EARS DAME GRISIL ROSS HIS SPOUS  
CAN JUDICIELLY AND RATIFIE THE SAID CONTRACT; ZET I ECAUS THE SAID SELLIR ARCHEBALD ASSURES  
ME THAT HIS SAID SPOUS IS NOCHT INFET, NOR HAS NO RYHT TO THE SAIDIS LANDIS, QUHIL  
THROUGH IT IS NECESSAR THAT SCHO CONSENT: I AM CONTENT, BY THIS MY TILK, THAT I SALL  
NOCHT WEGE HIR TO COMPEIR JUDICIELLY, NOCHTWIDSTANDING OFF THE SAID COMITION ABOV  
MENTIONAT: ALSUA, BECAUS IN ANE BOKBAND GHEN BE ME TO THE SAID SELLIR ARCHEBALD,  
WHAIRIN IT IS CONDITIONAT THAT INCEAICE THE [SAID] SELLIR ARCHEBALD SALL DELIVER TO ME ANE  
SUFFICIENT INFESTMENT PAST THE SELLIS OFF THE LANDIS OFF KINGKAID AND BIRLSOUTH, TAXT YARD  
AND MARIAGE, AS IN THE SAID BOKBAND OFF THE DAIT HERETF IS NEUTINAT: ZET IT IS UNDER  
STAND, AND OUR MEETING IS CHAIRMAT, THAT GEL IT SALL HAPPIN THAT THE SAID SELLIR ARCHEBALD  
BETUIX AND THE TYME MENTIONAT IN THE SAID BOKBAND, WHILK IS THE FEAST OFF ASCYL UNTO  
EUM ANNO 1<sup>ST</sup> VI<sup>TH</sup> TEN ZERIS, TO OBTENE AND DELIVER TO ME ANE FUNDAL SIGNATOR, PAST LEV  
FULLIE BE HIS MAJESTIES TRESORER AND COMPONER, AND THAT THE SAID SIGNATOR BEHIND TEXT  
WARD AND MARIAGE, CONFIRM TO MY SAID BOKBAND, BE NOCHT RETOKET, BUT STAND MUL  
REMAIN FRE TO ME TO PAS THROUGH THE SELLIS: THEN AND IN THIE CASE I SALL ACEPT THE  
SAMEN, AND PAS THE SAMEN THROUGH THE SELLIS ON MY AME CHARGE, S. NOCHTWIDSTANDING IN  
THE SAID BOKBAND IT BE SAID THAT THE SAID SELLIR ARCHEBALD SALL PAS THE SELLIS THIROFF:  
IN WITNES, VHAIROFF I HEFF SUBSERVIT THIS MY LETTER, WRETTIN WITH MY HAND, AT EDINBURGH,  
THE XVI OF DECEMBER 1609; WITNES, GEORG FURSTER YOUNGER OFF GERSTROPHIN, JAMES  
LEUNINGSTON OF BALDOREN, JAMES GELLAT, WITH OTHERS.

KILSYTH.

G. FOUNSTER, WITNES.

J. LETINGSTOUN, WITNES.

RETOUR of Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, Knight, as heir of Sir James Stirling of  
Keir, Knight, his father, 8th July 1613

207. HEC INQUISITIO facta fuit super viridi apud Castrum de Down, loco curia regia Senes-  
callatus de Menreyth visitato, octavo die mensis Iulii, anno Domini millesimo sexcenten-  
tesimo decimo tertio, eorum hominibus viris Fratibus Haldane, Senescallos priuatis dicti  
Senescallatus, per probos et fiducias homines patris suis parentes videlicet, Joannem  
Murray de Touchdale, Dominum G. et alii Murchiott de Pittenbank militem, Do-



mainm Jacobum Chisholme de Cromlix natus, Jacobum Kinross de Kippemore, Alexandrum Livingstoun de Terverton, Almonum Cunningham de Chaylincorn, Walterum Lockie de Poldie, Robertum Somert de Quillig, Daniellum Muschall de Colquhoun, Magistrum Jacobum Scottum de Knuckhill, Jacobum Elizabetum de Newmarch, Duncannum Petersum, preferentum burgi de Striving, Christopham Alexander, et Archibaldum Allard, laudes eiusdem, et Almonum Alexander, burgensem filium Qui jurem dicit, quod quondam Dominus Jacobus Stirling de Kair militis, pater Domini Archibaldi Striving nunc de Kair militis. Et ies presumimus, quod al fidem et pacem supremi domini nostri Regis. Et quod dictus Dominus Archibaldus Stirling es legitimus et propinquus heres eiusdem quondam Domini Jacobi Stirling sui patris. Et quod est legitime etatis. In eius rei testametum, sigilli quoniam a curia quod dictae inquisitioni intererant factim, rite cum brevi regio intus clausi, et sigilli officii dicti senescalatus dorso presentium alicui, prescelibus sunt appensa, die mensis et anno premisatis. Extractum de libro curiam dicti Senescalatus de Mistery, per me, Jacobum Don notarium publicum ac clericum dicto curie, testantibus meis signo et subscriptione manuilibus. Sie subscriptum, Ja. Don, Clericus dicto Curie.

Hoc est vera copia principis reverendus super premissis in Consellaria supremi domini nostri regis recompensis, copiis et collationibz per me Magistrum Joannem Scott de Specisbury et eiusdem Cancellarie Directorum, sub nobis signo et subscriptione manuilibus.

Ja. Scott.

CONTRACT OF MARRIAGE between Sir John Striving, eldest lawfull son of Sir Archibald Striving of Kair, Knight, and Margaret Monteith, daughter of Sir William Monteith, elder of Kers Knight, the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1613.

208. At Alreth, the nyat day of Julie, the yere of our L<sup>ord</sup> 1613 and threttene yeres. It is appointit, contractit, and finalie acrois betwix the hor afoir parties of her wifthe, thay er to say, Schir Archibald Striving of Kair, Knycht, for himself, and takand the burling on him for Schir John Striving his eldest lawfull son, present burling him and Dame Grissell Ross his spouse, and the said Schir John for himself, with expres avyse, counsall, and consent of his said father on the uno part, and Schir William Monteith elder of Kers Knycht, for himself, and takand the burling on him for Margaret Monteith his lawfull dochtir, and the said Margaret for herself, with expres adryse counsall and consent of his said father on the other part, to make forme and effect as ffor followis, that is to say, to say, said Schir John Striving, with avyse, counsall, and consent of his said father, and of Dame Grissell Ross his



said mother, hes takin, and be thir presents takis, the said Margaret Monteith to his laufull wyff: lykas the said Margaret, with ayse, counsall, and conseil of his said father, hes takin, and be thir presents takis, the said Schir Johnne Striuling to his laufull hu-band, and ather of the saidis Schir Johnne and Margaret trithfully promittis to compleit and solemnizat the halie band of mariage togidher, in face of Chrystis kirk and congregation diewle as effectis, betuix the day and dait hysref and the

day of September nextoemyn, but longer prorogation or delay: In contemplatioun of the quhilke mariage, and for the securitie of tochir underwrittin, to be payit at the termes and in maner effectispecifit, the said Schir Archibald Striuling of Keir Knycht, and the said Schir Johnne Striuling his sone, faithfullie bindis and oblieiss thame, and their airis . . . . with expres ayse, consent, and assent of the said Daim Grissell Ross, spos to the said Schir Archibald . . . . befor the solemnizatioun of the said mariage diewle, viiiijable, and effectivlie to interf and seis the said Margaret Monteith future spos to the said Schir Johnne, in his virginitie, in lyfrent, for all the dayis of her lyftime, in all and holl the tise, totallie, and placie of Gardene, with the maynes and croftis and myne thidrof, and their pertinensis, and landis of Middill Gardene . . . . quhilkis iffrown landis and utheris, baith principall and warrandyee, particuleris above specifit, the said Margaret Monteith, with expres ayse, counsall, and consent of the said Schir William Monteith of Kers, Knycht, her father, hes acceptit, and be thir presents acceptis, in full contentioun and satisfacioun to hir of his tere and thrid of all utheris landis, animal reuis, reumes and possessiounes quhilkis may fall and appertene to hir thare deces of the said Schir Johnne Striuling hir future spos, be the lewis and practick of this realme, gif it sall happen him at the plessour of God to depart this mortall lyff before her . . . . And becaus of the provisoun of taillie contenit in the said Schir John Striuling's instrumentis of the fornameis landis and utheris providit to him be his said father to his airis maill thairin contenit, gif it sall happen him to haue na airis maill lawfullie to be gotten betwix him and his said future spos, extant on lyff the tyme of his deces, quha may succeed to him in the saidis landis, hovv allauerlie to haue dochteris ane or more, lawfullie to be procreat betuix him and his said fatere spos, quha will be debarrit and excludit fra all successioun to him in the saidis landis, and the samyn, fulfiling of airis maill lawfullie to be gotten betuix them, will thairby fall and pertene to his airis maill quhatsameuir, thairfor and in that cas, it is providit and agreit upon betuix the saidis pairtis, that falzoing of airis maill lawfullie to be gotten betuix the said Schir Johnne Striuling and his said future spos, extant on lyff the tyme of his deces, that hys airis maill quhatsameuir succedding to him in the saidis landis sall be habbit and



astricteit to content and pay to the saidis dechters, gif ther be only one, the sounis of twelf thowsand merkis money foirsaid, gif ther be two, the sounis of sextene thowsand merkis equall betweix thame, and gif ther be mox nor two, the sounis of twenty thowsand merkis equall amang's thame, and ther immidiatly after the deces of the said Seir Archibald Striuling of Keir Knycht, the saidis dechters being alwaies to be past the aige of fourteene yeiris complet, and ey and quhill tyme of the saidis dechters, the saidis airis maill quhaitemore salbe laiden to pay to the saidis dechters ilk ane of them zeirlie the sounis of thre hundreth merkis money foirsaid for their lassent entertainment, ey and quhill thair be past the aige foirsaid as said is, but fraude or gely . . . . For the quhillis causis abouerwitten, the said Seir William Monteith of Kers Knycht, faithfullie bindis and obloissis him his airis, successoris to his halds, and intronitirres with his goodis and goir quatsuarer, thankfullie to content, pay and delyver to the said Seir Archibald Striuling of Keir Knycht, and Dame Crissid Ross his spous, their airis and assignis, the sounis of malf thowsand merkis good and vsuall money foirsaid of this realme of Scotland, in name of techer, with the said Margaret Monteith . . . . And for performing, keipynge and fulfilling of this present contract, in the haill heidis, articles, and clatisis thairf, for the pairt of the said Seir Archibald Striuling of Keir Knycht, and his subissons, that haill fouldir Seir James Striuling, a feir of Keir Knycht, sonis to the said Seir Archibald, cautioner and servitor to thame . . . . And for fulfilling and keipynge of this present contract for the pairt of the said Seir William Monteith Ellice of Kers Knycht, he haill fouldir Seir John Bruce of Alrah, Knycht, Seir Walter Bowis of theill Knycht, Seir William Monteith of Newlandis Knycht, Seir Johanne Bruce of Kincill Knycht, and William Drummond of Pitcairne, cautioneris and seveneris for the said Seir William Monteith elder . . . . In witness of the quhill thing, baith the saidis parties and cautioneris foirsaidis haute subscrivit thair presantis with thair handis, as follows, written by John Robene scrutour to Johanne Williamsson, Shryef and Toun Clerk of Striuling, day zeir and plais foirsaidis, befor thair witnessis, Johanne Murray of Tougheadme, Seir William Eskyne Knycht, William Striuling Feir of Ardochie, Alexander Monteith of Mongall, witnessses to the subscrivitions of the saidis baill prim'pull parties contractoris abone spicteit, and of the saidis Seir William Monteith and William Drummond, tyme of the cautioneris abouerwitten.

JHONNE MURRAY of Tougheadme Witness.

W: ERSKYN Witness.

WILLIAM STRIULING Witness.

A. MONTEITH Witness.

Se: W. MONTAITH Cautioner.

JAMES SELLUM Cautioner.

Se: W. DRUMMOND Cautioner.

Se: JO: BRUCE of Ardochie Cautioner.



G. DUNDAS Witness.  
 RO. DUNDAS Witness.  
 PATRIK BRUCE Vitnes.  
 JAMES DICKSONE Witness.  
 JAMES STERLING Witness.  
 T. MONTEATHE Vitnes.  
 M. JHONE EDMESTOUN Witness.

W. DUNSMOND, Cationar.  
 S. ARCHIBALD STERLING of Keir.  
 GRISAL ROSS Lady Keir.  
 SR. JY. STERLING.  
 MARGRAT MONTEATHE.  
 SIR WILLIAM MONTEITH Elder of  
 Kers Knight with my hand touching  
 the pen of the Notaris under subscri-  
 vand at my command, becomis for infrin-  
 mitie of sicht I can necht write my self.  
 Ita est JAMES WILLIAMSON Notarius &c.  
 Ita est ROBERTUS KER notarius &c.

OBLIGATION by Mr. John Striuling to Sir Archibald Striuling of Keir. Knight,  
 4th November 1623.

200. Be it kend till all men be thir present letteris, that Maister Johnne Striuling, lawfull  
 sonne to vpynbile Maister Williame Striuling, persone and minister at Baillermok:  
 Forsameikill as the said presentation in and to the samyne personage and vicearage  
 teynallis, being nowe vane and naill at the presentation of the said lawmoldell Sir Archi-  
 bald Striuling of Keir knyght, vndoutit patrem of the said keirk and parochie:  
 and haueing, out of his luif and affection, be his letteris of presentation subscrivynet  
 with his hand, of the dait of thir presentis, domine and presentis my persone and  
 minister at the said keirk during my lyfetyme, and in and to the baillie teynallis, fuitis,  
 reutis, and emolumantis baith personage and vicearage pertaining to the said keirk and  
 parochie of Baillermok: and I in regard thereof maways being of mynt nor  
 intention to hurt or preifize the said Sir Archibald Striuling of Keir knyght, his  
 airis successouris or ony otheris quhom he soll nominat or appoynt in the rycht of  
 the samyne personage and vicearage teynallis: Thairfor wit to me the said Maister  
 Johnne, to be boundin and oblist, lyke as I be the tenour heiroff bindis and oblis me  
 after my admission to the said keirk, that I soll be the sicht and determination of  
 Johnne Striuling of Cragbarnat and Johnne Hamiltoun of Orie steane, as fulgys  
 equallie choissen betwix the said Sir Archibald Striuling of Keir knyght and me on  
 that one and vther partis, mak, perfyre, subscrive and delver to the said Sir Archi-  
 bald Striuling of Keir, or ony otheris quhom he soll nominat or appoynt, sixtient  
 hundreid markis and a seldar amont of the samyne personage and vicearage teynallis, or  
 sic vther rycht or tytell thilke, as the said Sir Archibald Striuling soll dawys be the



lawis of this realme, conforme to the decret and determinacoun of the saidis twa judgis, my reasonabill stipend for my service of the cuire at the said kirk, as my vnguylle fader had of befor, efter tryall to be takin be the saidis judgis thairment, being exceptit and reservit: And heirto I fathfullie bind and oblis me to vntirly and obserue to the said Sir Archibald, the decret and determinacoun of the saidis judgis, and for quhatsumever vther thingis the said Sir Archibald sali requyre be the sicht of the said judgis. . . . In witness whereof, written be William Cunynghame wryttar in Edinburgh, I haue subscryuit thir presents with my hand, at the place of Keir, the fourt day of November, the zeir of God I<sup>e</sup> viij: tuncie and thre zeiris, befor thir witness, Sir John Striuling of Cardane knycht, Alexander Douglas of Maynes, William Striuling sonne to the said Sir Archibald, and the said William Cunynghame.

WILLIAM STIRLING witnes.

Mr. JOY STERLING.

J. STERLING witnes.

A. DOWGLAS witnes.

CONTRACT of MARRIAGE between George Stirling of Keir and Mrs. Margaret Ross,  
daughter of James Lord Ross, 27th, 28th, 29th, and 31st December 1630.

210. AT Halkhed, Houston, Drummond, Alney, and Arbocht, the xxvij, xxviii, xxix, and last days of December, the zeir of God I<sup>e</sup> VI and threttie zeiris: It is againtit contractit and finallie agreeit betuix the honorable George Stirling of Keir, with consent of his curatouris vndersubscrivand, on the mo part, and Mistres Margaret Ross, daughter to ane noble Lord, James Lord Ross, with consent of hir said fader, and he takand the burding on him for hir, on the vther part, in maner following, that is to say, The said George, with consent foirsaid, hes takine and be thir presents takis the said Mistres Margaret to his lawfull spouse: lykas the said Mistres Margaret, with consent of her said fader, hes takine and be thir presents takis the said George to hir lawfull husband, and athir of thame with consent foirsaid faythfullie promittis to solemnizate the halye band of mariage togidder, in face of Chrysistis kirk and congregacoun as the ordour thairof requyris, betuix the day and daid befor and the      day of  
nixtocum but langer delay: In contemplacoun of the quhilke mariage, and for the sounie of tocher vnderritin, to be payit at the termes and in maner efter following, the said George Stirling of Keir, with consent foirsaid, bindis and oblois him his airis maill and successouris quhatsumevir      to infit and sease the said Mistres Margaret his future spouse, in her pure virginitie, in lyfrent for al the dayes of hir lyf-  
time, in all and sundrie his Landis of Calder      As also in all and haill ane



annualment of ane thousand merkis money of this regne zeirle to be yplifit, at Witsunday and Mertimes, furth of the said George his landis and baronye of Keir . . . . Quhilkis landis annualrentis and vtheris particularlie abouementionete with their pertinentis, the said Mistres Margaret Ross, with consent fairsaid his acceptit, and be thir presentis acceptis, in full contentement to hir of hir resonable tearee and thrid of all vther landis, annualrentis, reuynes and possessiounes, quhilkis may fall and perteine to hir be deidis of the said George quhan it sallyng be . . . . Moreover, gif it salhapinge the said George and his said future spous at the pleasur of God to haif ane air maill proereate betuix thame, extant on lyf the tyne of his deidis, quha salhapinge to succeed to him in the foyrnamit landis and vtheris abouewretin, with the pertinents: in that caice the said Mistres Margaret Ross salbe haldeyn and astriedit and obleisit hir to renunce and gif awir to and in fauouris of the said air maill, the foyrnamit annualrent of ane thousand merkis money fairsaid, in dew and ample forme as offiris: And becaus the saidis haill landis and leiving of the hous of Keir ar tailliet and provydit to the airis maill of the said George Stirling, quhairsthrow gif thar be na airis maill proereate betuix him and the said Mistres Margaret Ross his said future spous, bat onlie dochteris, in that caice the samyne dochteris willbe sechydit frome all rycht and benefite of successioun to the saidis landis and leiving of the hous of Keir: therfore the said George Stirling of Keir, with advyse, counsall, and consent of his saidis curatouris, and they for thair entress, faythfullie bindis and obleisit him, his airis maill, taillie, and prouision quhatsumevir quha salhapinge to succeed to him in the foyrnamit landis and leiving of the said hous of Keir, to content and pay to the dochter or dochteris ane or ma that salhapinge to be proereate betuix the said George and his said future spous, the soumes of money particularlie, ilk ane of thame for thair awne partis, at the tennes and in maner after devydit: that is to say, gif thair be onlie ane dochter, the soume of twentie thousand pundis gule and v soll of this realme to hir: gif thair be tua, the soume of twentie four thousand pundis money fairsaid equallie betuix thame: and gif thair be thrie or ma dochteris proereate in the said mariage, the soume of threttie thousand pundis money fairsaid . . . . at thair age of fyfene zeiris compleit, quhairof the first sevin zeiris thair said mother salbe haldeyn and obleisit to sustene and entertenye thame, and thairfra quhill they be of the age of fyfene zeiris compleit, the saidis airis maill, taillie, and prouision quhatsumevir, quha salhapinge to succeed to the said George Stirling of Keir in the foyrdis landis and leiving, thair airis and successiounis, salbe haldeyn and astriedit, lykas the said George, with consent of his saidis curatouris for thair entress, bindis and oblesis thair to content and pay to the saidis dochteris honestlie according to thair estate and rank, ay and quhill they cum to the



said age of fyftene yeiris compleit; or vtherwayis, in the option of the saidis dochteris, to gif to thame zeirlie for thair mentenance [certain sums, the amounts of which are left blank in the contract.] For the quhilc causses abouewritin, the said James Lord Ross as principall, and with him as cau'ouris and souerties for him, saythfollie binalis and obloisses thame, and ilk ane of thame, thair airis and successouris, crounemeli and soueranie, to content pay and deliyvir to the said George Stirling of Keir, his airis and assignavies, the summe of thentic thousand markis gide and vsuall money fairsaid of this realme in name of tacher with the said Mistres Margaret Ross his fature spous . . . In witness of the quhilc thing, layth the saidis pairies curatouris and cauioneris abouewretin his subscrivut thir presents with thair handis, wretin be James Somervill seruitour to Johnne Williamson writer to the Majesties Signet, day, zeir, and place fairsaidis, befoir thir witnessses respectiue, vizt to the subscription of the said Lord Ross, his said dochter, and the said Laird of Keir, befoir Archibald Edmonstoun of Dunerthe, William Ross of Marestoun, Mongo Stirling fear of Gloret, Henry Stirling father brother to the said Laird of Keir, and James Ross seruitour to the said Lord Ross: and to the subscription of the curatouris undersubscryvand, the witnessses fairsaidis, and Thomas Crawford of Newton, Archibald Crawford seruitour to the Laird of Houston, John Stirling sonne to the gudman of Ardoch, James Stirling seruitour to the said Laird of Keir, Mr Johnne Drummond seruitour to the Earle of Perthe, Alexander Stirling of Peckhors, and Harry Shaw, (sic, sed lege Dow,) seruitour to the Earle of Mar respectiue,

AR. EDMONSTOUNE Witnes.

GEORGE STIRLING of Keir.

WILLIAUME ROSS Witnes.

MARGARET ROSS.

MONGO STIRLING witnes.

J. L. ROSE.

HARIE STIRLING Witnes.

PERTHE consentis.

JAMES ROSS witnes.

W<sup>Y</sup> STIRLING curatour consentis.

THOMAS CRAWFURD Witnes.

J. L. ERSEYNE consentis.

A. CRAWFURD witnes.

S<sup>E</sup> L. HOUSTOUN Curatour.

JOHNE STIRLING Witnes.

S<sup>E</sup> J. STIRLING curatour consentis.

JHONE ROBESOUNE witnes.

GLENNEGGLIS consentis.

Mr. J. DRUMMOND Witnes to the Earle of Perth.

A. STIRLING witnes to my Lord Erskine and Glenegess.

H. DOW witnes.

PATRICK HOWSTOUNE Witnes.

JAMES STIRLING Witnes.

WYL. MURE Witnes.



TESTAMENT of Dame Margaret Ros, spouse to Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight,  
confirmed 5th April 1633.

211. THE Testament dative and Inventar of the ghillis, gear, dattis, sumis of mony  
and vtheris, perteneng to mynchill Dame Margaret Ros, sumtyme spous to the  
Richt Honorable Sir George Stirling of Keir, knyght, the tyme of hir deces;,  
qua decessit vpone the tent day of March, in this instant yere of God I<sup>r</sup> VI<sup>th</sup>  
and threttie thrie yeiris; Fyfthalle maid and givin vp be the said Sir George,  
executour dative surrogatt in place of the procurer or fiscall of the Commiss-  
sariat of Dunblane, quha was executour dative decessit to the said defunct, be  
decreit of the Commissar thairf, vpone the fyfth day of Apryle the yere of God  
forsaid, as actis maid thairment propertis.

Inprimis, the said mynchill Dame Margaret and hir said husband had perteneng to thame,  
and in thair possession, the foarsaid [sumis], the ghillis and gear ther-prefit, of the  
valour and estimatioun following, to wit: Thrie hors, pryece of the pease, I<sup>r</sup> lib, inde  
iij<sup>th</sup> lib. Item, in the manis of Cahler, twelf ky, pryece of the pease eur, ad, x lib,  
inde vi<sup>th</sup> lib. Item, ane boll, pryece viij lib. Item, four yair aches, pryece of the pease  
owthead iij lib, vij viij inde xij lib, xij viij. Item, ane stuck aittis, estimat to ten  
bollis with the fother, pryece of the boll with the fother, iiiij lib, inde xl lib. Item, tua  
stukis bear, estimat to sexten bollis with the fother, pryece of the boll with the fother,  
vi lib, inde iiiij<sup>th</sup> xvij lib. Item, in the ginnell of the Kyl, thrie scair bollis maw,  
pryece of the boll vij lib, inde iij<sup>th</sup> liij<sup>th</sup> lib. Item, the adzement of hir body following,  
in the custodie of Dame Margaret Scott, Lady Ross, together with hir ghillis other-  
specifit, conforme to the inventar, viz., In the frist and gane of flouris no setane, in  
blak and orience flowris layid over with gld leice, pryece vii<sup>th</sup> xij lib, vij viij. Item,  
ane gonne of orience pan velvet laid over with silver leice, pryece viii<sup>th</sup> lib. Item, ane  
peccitott of millan satine, pryece ii<sup>th</sup> lib. Item, ane vther of grene satine, pryece iiiij<sup>th</sup> lib.  
Item, sextine ellis of fyne florit satine to be ane gonne, pryece ii<sup>th</sup> liij<sup>th</sup> lib. Item,  
threttine ellis of florit orience and grene satine to be ane gonne, pryece ii<sup>th</sup> xx lib.  
Item, ane kirk eusebiane of red velvet, pryece xl lib. Item, ane chandale and ane pair of  
bracelettis of gold, weyand . . . . . pryece thairf, vii lib. Item, ane compert hol-  
land cloth bed, pryece i<sup>th</sup> viij lib. Item, the remaient of hir vnell and dombell, with  
adzementis, estimat to ii<sup>th</sup> lib.

Summa of the Inventar, i<sup>th</sup> ix lib, x lib, xiiij lib.



Dettis awand to the dead.

Imprimis, be the tennentis of cister Calder, &c.

Item, be the airis, exequouris and intromittaris with the guillis and gear of vngylle, Dame Jeane Hameltoone Lady Ros, as left be hir in legacie to the said vngylle dame Margaret and hir said husband, ane silver leisoun, ane silver houree, mulf silver spunis, weyand , pryce iii<sup>l</sup> xxxiii lib. vii<sup>l</sup> viii<sup>l</sup>. Item, als mobile tyme tapestrie as wald hing tua chalmieris, pryce iiiij<sup>l</sup> lib. Item ane grene dames bed, the bedis, bousteris, colis with blankettis, with ane grene dames mat, fyve pair of grene dames courtines, pryce iii<sup>l</sup> lib.

Summa of the dettis awand to the dead, j<sup>l</sup> ix<sup>l</sup> llii lib. vii<sup>l</sup> viii<sup>l</sup>

Summa of the Inventar thairwith, iiiij<sup>l</sup> ix<sup>l</sup> xlviij<sup>l</sup> ?

Dettis awand be the dead.

Imprimis to Marie Stirling, sister to the said Sir George, x<sup>l</sup> lib. Item to Jeanie Sterling, dochter to vngylle Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, knyght, iiiij<sup>l</sup> lib. Item to David Drumond of Cowrie, ii<sup>l</sup> iii<sup>l</sup> xxij lib. vii<sup>l</sup> viii<sup>l</sup>. Item to Johnne Fawcet in Falkirk, Johnne Cowane burgis in Stirling, and M<sup>r</sup> George Muschet at Donyng, and ilk ane of thame, vii<sup>l</sup> iiij<sup>l</sup> vi lib. xij<sup>l</sup> 4<sup>l</sup>. Inde j<sup>l</sup> lib.

Summa of the dettis awand be the dead, xvij<sup>l</sup> iiij<sup>l</sup> xxxiiij lib. vii<sup>l</sup> viii<sup>l</sup>

Debita excedunt houa.

Confirmacione — I M<sup>r</sup> Johnne Rollok Commissar of Dunblane efter lauffull citationone, &c. Dated at Dunblane 5<sup>th</sup> Apryle 1633.

CONTRACT of MARRIAGE between Archibald Stirling, eldest son of Sir John Stirling of Garden, Knight, and Elizabeth Murray, eldest daughter of Sir Patrick Murray of Elibank, Knight, 24th June 1637.

212. AT Edinburgh, the twentie fourt day of Junii, the zeir of God 17<sup>th</sup> VII: threttie sevyn zeiris: It is appoyntit, agreeit, and fynally contractit betwixt the pairties following, to wit, the richt honorabill Sir Johnne Stirling of Garden Knight, for himselv and takand the burding vpon him for Archibald Stirling his eldest lauffull sonne, and likewyis the said Archibald for himself, with consent of his said father, as lauffull administrator to him for his entres, and them baith with his consent and assent, on the one part, and the richt honorable Sir Patrick Murray of Elibank knight borrouer, for himselv and takand the burding vpon him for hirsleth Murray, his eldest lauffull daughter, present before him and vngylle Dame Elizabeth Dunbar his secund spous, and lykewyis the sonn



Elizabeth Murray for hir scif. with consent of hir said fother. on the vther part. in maner, forme, and effect as after followis: That is to say. The saidis Archibald Stirling and Elizabeth Murray. with consent of thair fatheris abovenamit. faithfullie promitt and bind and oblieis them, be the faith and treuth of thair bodies. to solemnizat and compleit the band of mariage ather of them with vtheris in face of holie kirk. as Godis word dois allow. betuixt the dait hereof and the first day of August nextoerun. but langer dally. In contemplatioun of the quhillk mariage. and befoir the solemnizatioun thairof. and for the tocher vnderwrittin heirby promittit and appoyntit to be payit be the said Sir Patrik Murray with his said dechter. to the said Sir John Stirling. the said Sir John bin-lis and obliesses him. his aires and successouris. with all convenient diligence to dewlie and laufullie infest and sais. be charter and saising. titulo oneroso. in dew and competent forme the said Archibald Stirling and the said Elizabeth Murray his promiest spos. in her puire virginitie. the longest livear of them twa in conjunctio. and the aires maill laufullie to be gottin betuixt them. quhillkis fulfiling the said Archibald Stirling his narrest and leitall aires maill and assigeyes quhatsameuir heretible. in all and haill the toure. fortalice. and place of Garden. with the maymos. tua cofis and milne thairof. and thair pertimentis. and the landis of Middill Garden. with the pertimentis thairof. &c. . . . And in like maner. the said Sir John Stirling with consent of the said Archibald Stirling his sone and lykeway the said Archibald for him self. now as gif he war alredie infest and saisit in the landis of Vehiltreis after-specifeit in maner vnderwrittin and then as now. with consent of his said fother as laufull administratour to him for his entres. bind and oblieis them conjunctie and suerallie. thair aires and successouris. with all convenient diligence. to dewlie and laufullie infest and sais. be charter and saising. titulo oneroso. in dow and competent forme. the said Elizabeth Murray. in her puire virginitie. in lyfreit. for all the dayes of hir lyfreit. after the deceis of the said Archibald Stirling his promiest spos. incase it sal happen hir to survive him. in all and haill ane amuerent of tua chalderis viettall guid and sufficient stuff. half bear half mealie. zeirlie to be vpliftit. betuixt the foists of Zile and Candilmes. furth of all and haill the landis of Vehiltreis Easter and Wester. coilles. coll-heuches. milne. milnebankis. moutouris. seq'ellis. pairts. peniches. and pertimentis thairof quhatsameuir. or furth of oyu pairt thairof. lyand within the said shire/bone of Striving. and to be delyverit zeirlie the tyme fairsaile at Edinbarugh or Leith. or oyu vther pairt within ten myles about or distant fra the saidis landis of Vehiltreis. free of all charges and expensis. . . . And sickle the said Sir John Stirling to thir presentis sellis. ayeigis and hisponis. to and in the bairns of his sone and his said promiest spos. and thair feirsaidis. the baill. plannis. boing. also will outleit as insicht



plennischaling, and the haill cornes, hors, nolt, scheipe and vtheris guides and gear  
perteining to the said Sir John, presentlie being within the said maner place of Garden  
or vpoun the ground of the landis of the maynes therof, to be intromettit with, visit and  
disprencit vpoun be the said Archibald Stirling, and his said prestis spous and thair  
forsaidis at thair pleasour . . . . Reservand lykewayis power to the said Schir  
John Stirling to provyde his spous gif ony it sall happen him heirafter to marie in  
lyfrent dureing all the dayes of her lyfytyme after the deceas of the said Schir John, to  
ane annuelrent or zeirlie dextie of auctt hundreth merkis money fairsaid, zeirlie to be  
vplifit and tane at the termes in the zair, Witsonday and Mertimes in winter, be efull  
portiones furth of all and haill the saidis landis of Vchiltres Elster and Wester . . . .

And becaus the haill landis, tenidis, and vtheris aboworthing ar be the tailis  
abouespecifeit provydit to the aires muill of the said Archibald Stirling in maner  
abouementional, quhairby the aires femall, gif ony heis, gotten of the said mariage will  
be altogidder debarrit frone steriling thairto, thairfor it is hereby provydit, lyke  
the said Archibald Stirling, with consent of his said father as heirell administrator to  
him for his entres, binidis and obassis him, and his aires muill and of tailzie fairsaidis,  
to content and pay to the dchitteris one or moe to be gettin of the said mariage, full  
zeing of aires muill of the same a mariage, the sownes of money after maner mat, in  
maner effect specifit, viz.; if onyl be one to hir the sowne of twentie thousand  
merkis money fairsaid, and if thair be two, to thaim the sowne of twentie four thou  
sand merkis, whereof to the eldest fiftene thousand merkis, and to the youngest nyne  
thousand merkis, and if thair be thair to thaim the sowne of twentie thousand punds  
money fairsaid, thairto to the eldest fiftene thousand merkis and the remanent thairto  
to be divydit equallie betuix the other two, and if thair be four or moe to thair  
twentie thousand punds, thairto to the eldest half thousand merkis, and the rest to be  
equallie divydit amangis them, and that after they sall attinie to thair ages of fiftene  
zeiris; And in the meane tyme, quhill they attinie to thair saidis ages of fiftene zeiris,  
to educat and intertwine them honestlie and vertuouslie in meat druk and abulementis  
according to thair rank and decesse . . . . For the quhillis caussis, the said  
Sir Patrik Murray binidis and obassis him his aires, successouris, and excentouris, to  
make guid and thankfull payment to the said Sir John Stirling, in name of tocher with  
the said Elizabeth Murray his decesser, of the sowne of tea thousand punds money  
fairsaid . . . . In witness quhillis baith the saidis parties haif subseruycit thir pre  
sentis with thair handis, written by Mr. George Jamieson, serviteur to Mr. Francis  
Hey of Bellousie wachter to his Majesties signet, day, zeir and place respective for  
saidis, befoir thir witnessis, Sir George Stirling of Keir knight, William Drummond of



Rickartoun, Walter Murray of Livingston, Sir John Murray, gentleman of his maiesties privie chalmer, Mungo Stirling of Glorat, Patrik Scot, wrighter in Edinburgh.

S<sup>r</sup> G. S. KEIR Witness.

S<sup>r</sup> J. STERLING.

W. D. RICKARTOUNE Witness.

S. P. MURRAY.

S. J. MURRAY Witness.

AR<sup>t</sup> STIRLING.

W. MURRAY Witness.

ELIZABETH MURRAY.

MUNDO STIRLING Witness.

PATRICK SCOTT Witness.

CONTRACT of MARRIAGE between Sir John Stirling of Garden, Knight, and Margaret Bruce, daughter of the deceased Sir John Bruce of Kineavill, 13th October 1638.

213. AT Kineavill and Edinburgh, the threttin day of October, the year of God J<sup>ES</sup>U<sup>S</sup> VI<sup>TH</sup> and threttie ancht yeires. It is appoyntit contrairit and finallie agrist and enclit to tix the honorabil pairties following, to witt, Sir John Stirling of Garden knyght, with speciall advyse consent and assent of Archibald Sterling, feir of Garden, his eldest lawfull son, and appearand air, on the ane pairt, and Margaret Bruce, lawfull dochter to vnguylle Sir John Bruce of Kineavill knyght, with speciall advyse, consent, and assent of Dame Jeane Drumond, Lady Kineavill, hir mother, M<sup>r</sup> Robert Bruce minister at Aberdeur, M<sup>r</sup> Walter and William Brucees, lawfull sones to the said vnguylle Sir John Bruce hir brethen, and the saidis M<sup>r</sup> Robert and Walter and Williame Brucees for themselfis, and takand bairdh<sup>g</sup> on thame for the said Margaret Bruce, thair sister, and schir for hirself with thair consent, and they all with ane consent and assent on the watter pairt, in maner forme and effect following, that is to say, the said Sir John Stirling and the said Margaret Bruce hes acceptit and takin, and be thir presents seys p<sup>r</sup>ys and taikis, ilk ane of thame wtheris, for thair lawfull mariet spousis, and schil, God willing, solemnise and accomplishe the holy band of mariage, ilk ane of thame with wtheris, in face of Chrystis churche, conforme to the ordour observitt, and that b<sup>r</sup> tix the deit heiroff and the      day of      nixtoeum: In contemplacion of the quilk mariage, the saidis M<sup>r</sup> Robert, M<sup>r</sup> Walter, and Williame Brucees, be thir presents bindis and obleissis thame, thair aires executoiris and successoaris, coniunctio and severallie, at the compleiting and solerenizing of the said mariage, that they sal be<sup>r</sup> gold and thankfull payement to the said Sir John Stirling, his aires or assignayes, of the summe of four thowsand merkis scottis money, as the just and equall haff of the sume off ancht thowsand merkis money promittit in tocht<sup>r</sup> gne<sup>r</sup> to the said Sir John Stirling with the said Margaret Bruce his future spous; as also the saidis M<sup>r</sup> Robert, M<sup>r</sup> Walter



and Williame Braces . . . . to be bund . . . . to content pay and delyver to the said Sir Johne Stirling, his aires or assignayes, the sounce of wther four thousand merkis money forsaide, in compleit payment of the said sounce of auct thousand merkis, promittit in tocher guld in maner forsaide, betuix the dait heirof and the feast and termes of Witsonday nixtoecum, I<sup>m</sup> VI<sup>th</sup> threttie nyne yires, but longar delay . . . . For the quhilke caussis, the said Sir Johne Stirling bindis and obliessis him his aires and successouris, that swa sone as the said haill sounce of auct thousand merkis money foirsaid salbe fallie payit to him, that he salle employ and bestow the samyn haill sounce vpon land or annuallrent, quhair most commodiouslie the samyn my be had, for infestment and securitie to be had thairoff, and to be maid and groudit to the said Sir Johne Stirling, and to the said Margaret Bruce his future spos, and to the langes leiver of thaine twa in coniunctie or lyfrent, and to the aires to be gottin betuix thame, quhilke fallzeing to the said Sir Johne Stirling his nearest and lauffull aires and assignayes quhatsumever: and that be the sycht and adlyse of the saidis M<sup>r</sup> Robert and Williame Bruce, as freindis nominat and condescendit vpon, at quhais instance the executione of this present contract is ordanit to be direct for implement and fulfilling of swa far beiroff as is conceirit in favouris of the said Margaret Bruce . . . . And farder the said Sir Johne Stirling bindis and obliessis him and his fair saidis, with consent of the said Archibald Stirling his sone, to infest and seas the said Margaret Bruce in lyfrent during all the dayes of hir lyfytne, in all and haill an anwelrent of auct hundred merkis scottis money zeirlie to be vpliftit . . . . furth of all and haill the landis of Wehlis ries . . . . lyend within the parochine and shirefblome of Linlythgow . . . . And farder . . . . that quhatsumever landis, heretagis, anwelrentis and sounces of money it salhappin him to conquer or acquyre in any tyme cumeing during the mariage standing betuix him and the said Margaret Bruce his future spos, that he salle provyd the samyn to himself and to the bairnes to be procreat betuix him and the said Margaret, quhilke fallzeing to the said Sir Johne his nearest and lauffull aires and assignayes quhatsumever: And it is heirby speciaillie provydit and declarit that inedeie their salhappin any bairnes to be procreat of the said mariage contraicit heirby, that the fairsaid anwelrent of auct hundred merkis zeirlie to be vpliftit furth of the saidis landis of Wehlis ries, with the annualrent of the said auct thousand merkis to be employit as said is, salbe in full satisfactioun and contentatioun to the said Margaret Bruce of all tress, coniuncties or wth. ries that schal be anywaies ask, crase, or sitt, be thair seis of the said Sir Johne Stirling, inedeit it salhappin hir to surviv him. . . . In witness quhilke is written by Williame Ros, servitor to Hew Ros wryter in Baith, the saidis parties . . . . have subscryvit



thair presentis with thair handis, dages, monethis, yere, and place respetive forsaillis, befor thir witnessis. Archbald Kincaid and John Brotherstones servitouris to the said Sir John Stirling, M: William Hog, Advocate, Will'm Dundas, brother to Georg: Dundas of Duncastoun, and the said Will'm Ros wryter heiroff.

ARCHBALD KINCAID Witness.

J. STERLING.

JOHNE BROTHERSTONES Witness.

M. BRYCE.

JEANE DRUMMOND.

M. ROBERT BRUCE.

W. BRUCE.

TESTAMENT of Sir John Stirling of Cardens, Knight, confirmed, 29th May 1643.

214. THE testament daurie and Inventar of the quidis, or, sumis of money and debtis perteyning to vnguhill Sir Johane Stirling of Cardens, knight, the tyne of his deceis, quha deceist vpon the fyftein day of Apayle, I: VI: fourtie thare zeiris, faithfullie maid and givine vp to Will'me Stirling only unioare for himself within the countre, and in name and behalff of James Stirling lykways maire without the countre, and in name and behalff of Alexander Stirling minor within the countre, sumes leufall to the said vnguhill Sir Johane Stirling; quhillkis Will'me, James and Alexander Stirlings are only executors datus, decernit to thair said vnguhill father be de-reit of the Commissaris of Edinburgheit, as the synyn. of the dali the teneve fourt day of Maii, the zeir of God foirsaid, mair fullie proportis:

In the first, the said vnguhill Sir Johane Stirling had the quidis, or, sumes of money and debtis, of the awaill and pryses etir following, perteyning to him the tyne of his deceis foirsaid, viz. Imprimis, fyve wark hors and meiris young and old, prysse of the peice ourhead tuerie pund, summa, ane hundreth pandis. Item, twelf kyne young and old, at tuerie pund the peice, summa, tua hundreth fourtie pandis. Item, aucht kyne young and old, prysse of the peice tuerie markis, summa, ane hundreth six pund, thretene schillinges four pennies. Item, tuerie four schillins at thair pund the peice ourhead, summa, thair seoir twelf pund. Item, sawine vpon the ground thrie seoir ten bolls aitirs, estimat to the thrid corne, extending to tuo hundred, ten bolls aitirs, prysse of the boll with the fodd're, fyve pandis, summa, ane thousand fyfie pandis. Item, mair sawine thair, seoir bolls quhaest estimat to the fourt corne, extending to tuerie aitirs boll's quhaest payes, of the boll with the fodd're, ten markis, summa, tua hundreth fourschillins markis. Item, mair sawine thair, fyve bolls half boll



peis, estimat to the fourt come extending to twentie t a bollis peis, pryece of the boll with the fodder, aucht merkis, summa, aue hundredth, sevintene pund, sex schillinges aucht pennies. Item standing in the barme waird fourtie bollis ditlis, pryece of the boll sevynne pund, summa, tua hundredth fourteene pundis. Item, neir standing thare, mylf bollis quheal, pryece of the boll nyne pundis, summa, tare seith thelf pundis. Item in vtencellis and dounie-cillis to the abidizementis of his body, by the aircliche, estimat to the soume of aucht hundredth pundis.

Summa of the Inventory iiii<sup>o</sup> xxiiii<sup>o</sup> xiii<sup>o</sup> iii<sup>o</sup>

Followis the debtis awin to the deid.

Item thair wes restyng auchtand to the said vngabill Sir Johnne Stirling, by and remanent tenementis and possessouris of the landis of Ochiltree and Dachmont &c.

Summa of the debtis awin to the deid, iii<sup>o</sup> iii<sup>o</sup> lxxiiii<sup>o</sup> iii<sup>o</sup> iii<sup>o</sup>

Summa of the Inventory with the debtis, vii<sup>o</sup> iii<sup>o</sup> lxxxviii<sup>o</sup> xvi<sup>o</sup> viii<sup>o</sup>

Followis the debtis awin be the deid.

Item thair wes awine be the said vngabill Sir Johnne Stirling, to David Drymeis, servand, of the fourt seair pundis. Item, to Johnne Norie servand of the, ten pundis. Item, to David Walker servand of the, threis pundis. Item, to Archibald Hunter, servand of the, flour pundis. Item, to Jonet Muir, servitrix of the, sex pund thretene schillinges four pennies. Item, to Janet Riche, servand of the, four pund. Item, to Agnes Ricicle servand of the, four pund. Item, to James Powles, mairer, for the few deuty of the Landis of Dachmont, twentie nine pund sex schillinges aucht pennies. Item, to

Minister of Levingstoun, for the defunctis part of his zeiris stipend, thrie scoir twelf pund auchtene schillinges. Item, to the minister of Lyndylshoun, for his stipend, aue hundredth twa acht pundis for one childer of meill and four acht pund the boll earhead. Item, to James Braillit, merchant, for the zeiris mair of the defunctis chalmair in Edinburgh. Threttie pundis mony.

Summa of the debtis awin be the deid, iii<sup>o</sup> lxxi<sup>o</sup> xviii<sup>o</sup>

Restis of fris gear, thare aboutis dounis, vii<sup>o</sup> xxvi<sup>o</sup> xviii<sup>o</sup> viii<sup>o</sup>

To be diyydit in thrie pairis, deidis pairis iii<sup>o</sup> iii<sup>o</sup> xvii<sup>o</sup> vii<sup>o</sup>

We, Mr Thomas Aikinheid, Mr John Nesbit, Mr David Falconer, and Mr Robert Nicolsone, Commissioners of Edinburgh, Sir Archibald Stirling of Cardis, Comptour, and Scolar of the Venerabile Facultie, Clark depute of the said Commission, at Edinburgh, the xxix May 1643.



## TESTAMENT of Sir Archibald Stirling of Gardon. 16th October 1643.

215. I SIR ARCHIBALD STIRLING of Gardon, being for the present of intent and purpose to depart out of this kingdom, and also, ;praised be God, being partie both in body and maine, makis my letter will and testament as follows: Item I nominat Iohne Stirling my sonne to be my onlie executor and intrecomptee with my goods, geare and lets, and during the tyme of his executarrie and his age, I nominat Patrick Lord Elbank, Sir Georg Stirling of Keire, Willame Drumond of Ricartoun, Sir Walter Murray of Livingstoun, Mungo Stirling of Glorart, and James Stirling my brother, tuitors beaumenteris to him, and the Laird of Keire to be one sine quo non, and holding of him by deceas, my Lord Elbank and the Laird of Ricartoun, or either of them. In witness wherof thir presents wreath and subscribed with my hand at Edinburgh, the 16 day of October 1643 years.

S. ARCH<sup>RD</sup> STIRLING.

## CONTRACT of MARRIAGE between Sir Archibald Stirling of Gardon, Knight, and Maus Murray, daughter of the deceas'd Sir James Murray of Kilbaberton. 24th June 1643.

216. At Edinburgh, the twentye fourt day of Junii, the yeir of Chrd I<sup>o</sup> VI, fourtie six yeiris. It is agreid and fand to be true in the parties following, that is to say, Sir Archibald Stirling of Gardon Knight, on the one part, and Maus Murray, lawfull dochter to vngueill Sir James Murray of Kilbaberton Knight, procreat betwix him and Dame Katharine Wier his spouse, now Lady Elbank, with expres aduyse and consent of the said Dame Katharine his mother, and of Sir James Murray of Kilbaberton his brother, quha and their asirs soll have power to sive the execution, implement and fulfilling of this present contract in the haill heidis and condicounes thairof consavit in favouris of the said Maus, and the said Dame Katharine Wier for hir self, with expres aduyse and consent of ane noble Lord, Patrick Lord Elbank, now hir spouse for his entres, on the other part; in manner following, that is to say, The said Sir Archibald Stirling and the said Maus Murray with consent abovesaid haas acceptit and be thir presents acceptis atter or thame akeris for thair lassell spouses, and faithfullie promittis bindis and be this thame to accept and solamen the land of matrimony for sixtene in tyme of full gerk as the underwritten emprays, and that betwix the doit heid and the day of sixtene may, or somer as



sall be thought expedient be baith the saidis parties. In contemplacion of the quhill mariage, and for the sowme of money affermait to be payit be the said Dame Katharene Weir to the said Sir Archibald Sterling in name of tucher as follows the said Sir Archibald be thir presentis bindis and obleisis him his airis and successouris, to infift . . . . the said Mauss Murray, in hir pure virginitie, in lyfrent for all the dayis of hir lyftime, in all and baill th. Landis and Baroneis of Polmair, &c. . . . quhilkis pertenit or befor to vnaphill Sir Johne Murray of Temechame Knight and Sir William Murray his sone, heretofore, and wer disponit be thame to vnaphill Johne Cunnyngham of Drunquhassill, and thairefter pertenit to Jamys Cunnyngham his sone, all lyand on the northsyd of the water of Baenokburne . . . . And lykwayis the said Sir Archibald Sterling be thir presentis bindis and obleisis him his airis, executouris, and assigneyris, success airis to him in his landis and heritagis, to content and thankfullie pay to the sone and air maill to be procreat betuix him and the said Mauss Murray his future spos, all and baill the sowme of threttis sex thousand merkis money of this realme in manner and at the termes following, viz. thairef the sowme of auchtene thousand merkis money foorsaid immediatlie efter the said sone and air maill sall be of the aige of fourtene zeiris, and the remanent of the said sowme, extending to vther auchtene thousand merkis, immediatlie efter the said air maill to begottin as said is sall be of the aige of auchtene zeiris, togidder with the ordinary annuall rent and profit of the saidis sowmes, zeirlie and termlie at Witsonbey and Mertynies proportionalie, sua long as the samyn sall remaine vnpayit after the termes above specifit appoinitit for payment thairef. And it is enyinit and agreeit betuix the saidis parties be expres condition heirof, that incide it sall happen the said Sir Archibald at the pleasure of God to depeir this lyfe, befor his said sone and air maill, to be procreat betuix him and his said future spos, sall attene to the aige of sevin zeiris, that than and in that caise the said Mauss Murray, mother to the said air maill, sall be haldin and obleist and be thir presentis with consent foersid, bindis and obleisis hir in the said caise, to interten hir said sone quhill his said aige of sevin zeiris, and siclyk efter his said aige of sevin zeiris, sche also bindis and obleisis hir to interteyn hir said sone quhill his said aige of fourtene zeiris, for the quhilk intertenyment of hir said sone efter his said aige of sevin zeiris, the said Sir Archibald and his airis sall be haldin and obleist to assigne and dispone, lykas he in the said caise be thir presentis assignes and dispones to the said Mauss Murray his future spos, the baill rest of the rentis and dewties of the saidis landis of Southfield with thair pertenents deer and be longing to him, neir nor exsusis the saidis thrie chamberis mair aboue special quhairin sche is appoinitit to be infift as said is, and that of all cropis and zeiris after



the said air maill sall attene to the aige of sevin zeiris quhill his said aige of fourteene zeiris, and sall mak subservye and delyver to hir sufficient assignation and disposition of the said rest of the rentis and dewis of the bannis foirsellis the space abovenwithin in the caice abovementioned: And sdylyk it is specially convynent and agreeit betuix the saidis partieis to expres condition heirof, that incice it sall happen that thair be no sonis and airis maill procreat betuix the said Sir Archibald and the said Mauns his future spous to succeed to the said threttie sex thousand merkis, bot dochteris and bairnes femall procreat betuix thame, than and in that caice the said Sir Archibald bindis and obleisis him his airis and successoris to him in his bannis estait and leving to content and thankfullie pay to the saidis dochteris and bairnes femall to be procreat of the said mariage betuix him and his said future spous for thair hlp and provision the sowmes of money following, viz. gif thair be bot ane dochter and bairne femall, to content and pay to hir the sowme of twentie thowsand merkis money; gif thair be twa, to content and pay to thame the sowme of twentie four thousand merkis, quhairof to the eldest the sowme of ten thowsand pundis, and to the youngest the sowme of nyne thowsand merkis; gif thair be thrie, to content and pay to thame the sowme of threttie thowsand merkis, quhairof to the eldest the sowme of fourteene thowsand merkis, to the secund the sowme of nyne thowsand merkis, and to the youngest the sowme of sevin thowsand merkis: and gif there be mae nor thrie, to content and pay to thame the sowme of threttie sex thousand merkis money of this realme quhairof to the eldest the sowme of twelf thowsand merkis money foirsaid, and to the remenant of the saidis dochteris the remenant of the said sowme, extending to twentie four thowsand merkis money, equalie and proportionarie amangis thame, and that so soone as they sall be of the aige of fyfene zeiris compleit. For the quhaikis causis the said Dame Katharene Weir Lady Ellbank, with expres attyse and consent of the said Patrick Lord Ellbank hir spous, for his entres as principall, and the said James Murray of Kilbabertown hir son, as cautionar and soutris for hir, be thir presentis bindis and obleisis thame, baith principal and cautionar, their airis executouris and assignacis coniunctie and generalie, to content and thankfullie pay to the said Sir Archibald Sterling his airis executouris or assignacis, in name of tocher with the said Mauns Murray hir dochter, all and heill the sowme of auctene thousand merkis money foirsaid . . . In witnes heirof baith the saidis partieis and cautionar has subservyit thir presentis with thair handis, wittynge George Sibbald s wittynge to John Leitment wryter to thir signet, day, zeir and place foirsaid, befor thir witnessis, Sir George Sterling of Kair knight, Willame Denmonde of Ricetoun, Sir Willame Dick of Braid knight, Sir Lwes Stewart of Kirkhill knight, John Hepburne of



Aderstom, William Murray sent to the said Lord Elizbth, M. Lwes Stewart sent to the said Sir Lwes, and the said John Leirmont.

G. KEIR Witness.

S. AR<sup>3</sup> STIRLING.

W. D. RE CARTOUCHE Witness.

MAES MURRAY.

SE WILLIAM DICK Witness.

KATHERINE WEIR.

S. L. STUART Witness.

ELBANK COLSENSES.

L. STUART Witness.

J. MURRAY.

J. HEPBURN Witness.

WILLIAM MURRAY Witness.

JO. LEIRMONT Witness.

COMMISSION by the Shire of Stirling to Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight, and Sir Mungo Stirling of Glorat, Knight: [between 25th March and 19th August 1652.]

217. WE vnderwritters, of the Shirefdom of Sterlings, being autherized and reuyred by the Parliament of the Common wealth of England to elect two persons of knowynge integritie, and who haue declared ther consent that Scotland be incorporate into and maid on Common walth with England: with power on our behalfe to meett with the rest of the Deputies of Shires and Borowes, at Edinburgh at or befor the nyneinte day of August, on thousand six hundreth fiftie two: and ther, by vote of the major part of Deputies present, to elect fourteyn persons to represent all the shires of Scotland, consentinge to the unio[n] as aforesaid, and sixin persons to represent all the burroughes consentinge as aforesaid, to atten the Parliament of England, or such as they shall appoynt: as is derecett by the Declairalme, beinge, daite the fyve and twentieth day of Marche, on thousand six hundreth fiftie two: and to haue full power for effecting the maitteres expressed in the said Declairalme: Do give and grant, for ws and in our name, and in the name and behalfe of the said shire, unto Sir George Stirling of Keir knieght, and Sir Mungo Stirling of Glorat, knieght, full power to atten the Parliament of England, or such persons as they shall appoynt, for effecting the maitteres expressed in the said Declairalme, and to doe all thinges requisite for the perfytinge of the said unio[n]: Holding firm and staball what shall be so done by our saides Deputies, to all intentes and purposes as if we our selves had been in person present and done the same.

WILLIAM BALLIZY.

S. JO. ROBERTS of Bannockblouie.

SE. AR<sup>3</sup> STIRLING.

S. W<sup>3</sup> LIVINGSTON of Westquarre.

J. SEFTON.

W<sup>3</sup> LIVINGSTON.



SEALEY LIVINGSTON.	W <sup>1</sup> CALANDEL.
RO <sup>E</sup> ROLOCK.	J. GUNLAY.
JO. SHORT.	RO <sup>E</sup> FORRESTER.
LAWIE of that ilk.	RO <sup>E</sup> FORRESTER.
THO. BRUCE.	JAMES ALEX <sup>E</sup>
JAMES LENOX.	JOHN BALADEIN
AW <sup>R</sup> ROW.	JO. BUCHANAN
JAMES STERLING.	J. FORRESTER.
JAMES CUTHELL.	JOHN STERLING of Harboursyry
JOHN STARK.	JOHN LENOX of Braemologill
DAVID FORRESTER.	WALTER BUCHANAN.
DAVID MUIRHEAD.	AW <sup>R</sup> ROW.
ALLEX <sup>E</sup> CALLANDER.	JAMES MUNDEITH
ALLEX <sup>E</sup> LIVINGSTON.	W <sup>1</sup> DICK.
ALLEX <sup>E</sup> SIMERVELL.	JO. BUCHANNAN.
JOHN FORRESTER.	

DECLARATION by Sir James Levingstone of Kilsyth and Sir Mungo Stirling of Glorat.  
1652.

218. WHEREAS wee ar informed that Mr. William Freir, on of the sub commissiinars for sequestration, has called for the rentall of the lands belonging to Sir George Stirling of Keir, as falling vnder the compass of Sequestration, for haiving entred Englund with the King and Aray, and the said Maister William Freir giveth us the promises and informers that the said Sir George entered Englund:—

I Sir James Levingstone of Kilsyth, doe vpon my honour and conscience declar, that the said Maister William Freir is a persone altogether vuknown to me, and that I never spook with him in that nor no other particuar. KILSYTHE.

And in lyk maner, I Sir Mungo Stirling of Glorat, doe declar vpon my honour and conscience, that Sir George Stirling entered not Englund at all. As witness thir presents subscryved at Edinburglie, the      day of      , on thousand six hundredth fiftie two year s, before thir witnesses, William Drummond of Riccartoun, John Stirling and Archibald Stirling.

S. M. STIRLING.



ORDER by the Commissioners on Forfeited Estates, to Respite the Estates of Sir George Sterlinge and Sir Mungo Sterlinge from Sequestration. 15th September 1652.

By the Commissioners for Confiscate and Forfeited Estates, etc., in Scotland.  
List, 15th September 1652.

219. WHEREAS the Estates of Sir George Sterlinge Laird of Kierr, and Sir Mungo Sterlinge Laird of Glaratt, have lately been sequestred, as persons that entred England with the Scots Armye that went to Worcester; and for as much as they offered to prooue, that at that time of the Armies advance into England, they deserted the same certeyne miles on this side the English borderes: vpon hearing their witnessses, who giving this testimony that they were not vpon English ground: and they prayinge that accordingly theyr Estates might bee freed from Sequestration:

Ordered—

That the sayd Estates of Sir George Sterlinge and Sir Mungo Sterlinge be respited at present from sequestration, and the Sub-Commissioners in that precinct are hereby desired and required to execute the same: always provided that the sayd Sir George Sterlinge and Sir Mungo Sterlinge give his security to the sayd Sub-Commissioners, to the Keepers of the Liberties of England, &c., to the vsse of the Commonwealth, to be responsible for the rents of their sayd estates, as also of theyr personall estates, accordinge to the Inventory alredy taken by the sayd Sub-Commissioners, from this day, in case hereafter they or either of them shall bee prooven to haue entred England with the late Kinge of Scots.

ED. BYLES.

R. SALTONSTALL.

SA. DISBROW.

Pass by Oliver Cromwell to Sir George Sterlyn. 14th October 1653.

220. THESE are to require all Officers and Soldiers under my command, to permit and suffer this Bearer, Sir George Sterlyn, and his servant, with theire horses, travelling armes, and necessaries, quietly to passe from London into Scotland, and to returne, without any trouble or molestacion: And I do hereby require all Mayors, Beffiffs, Post-masters, Constables, and other Officers, whome it may conern, to furnish the said Sir George Sterlyn with three or more able post horses, and a guide, from stage to stage from London into Scotland and back againe: he paying the vsual rates for the same.



Herof you are not to fail. Given vnder my hand and seale, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1653.



*John Stirling*

CONTRACT of MARRIAGE between Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight, and Anna Nicolson, second daughter of the deceased Sir Thomas Nicolson of Carnock, Knight, 2nd February 1654.

221. At Edinburgh, the second day of Februarie, the year of God 1654, vix. fiftie four yeires. It is appointit, contractit, and finallie agreed betwixt the honorable pairties undernamed, to witt, Sir Georg Stirling of Keir knight, on the ane pairt, and Anna Nicolsone, second lawfull daughter to the deceist Sir Thomas Nicolson of Carnock knight baronet, with advyse and consent of Dame Isobell Henrysone hir mother, and of Sir Thomas Nicolson, now of Carnock, knight baronet, hir brother german, on the other pairt, in maner, forme and effect as after folowes: That is to say, the saids Sir Georg Stirling and Anna Nicolson with advyse and consent forsaid has taken and acceptit, and be thir presents takes and acceptis vthers for their lastull spousis and faithfullie promiss to marie, solemnizat and compleit the lawfull band of matrimonie, either of them with vthers, betwixt and the      day of      anix to comon, or sooner, as the saids pairties shall think expedient. In contemplation of the which mariage, the said Sir Georg Stirling of Keir knight, be the tenor hereof faithfullie, binds and obleis him and his airs and successors whatsumever, with al conuient dilligence, dylie, valiablie, and sufficientlie, to interf and sease, be char or and seasing in due and competent forme, for the tocher after specifiet, the said Anna Nicolson his future spous, in hir pure virginitie, before the compleiting of the said mariage, in lyfretn for all the dayes of hir lyfetime, in      the lands of Auldekeir, &c.      And to the effect the said Sir Georg his beall old estait, lands and living now pertening to him, with all and whatsmouer conquit is to be vaild and a purerl be him during his said mariage with the said Anna, may and shall come and belong to the airs maill lawfullie to be givin betwixt him and the said Anna Nicolson his future



spous, which fatheling to his nearest lawfull ayrs maill to be gotten of his body, which fatheling to his other ayrs maill, taylie and provision unaint or to be nond, to be him by any taillie or provision maill or to be maid be the said Sir Georg ther-aent: the said Sir Georg bindis and oblyss him and his farsaids not to dispone, give nor provyde any of his oþer living and estat, nor of any compaids to be maill be him during the said mariage, to no bairu nor bairns to be gotten be the said Sir Georg with any other spouse or spousis to be married by him, if any be after the deceis of the said Anna, in prejudice of the ayrs maill to be gotten betwixt him and the said Anna his future spous, their succession theru and beynkyngh ther after him Alwayes this clause, and taylie or provision maill or to be maid to the effect farsaid, to wayes to hinder nor prejudge the said Sir Georg in vseing and disponeynge vpon his estat as he shall have necessary to doe in his said lyfytyme and shall think fitt, not prejudging the ayrs maill to be gotten betwixt him and the said Anna by giving provyding or disponeynge of any of his said estat, or compaids to be maid in the said mariage, to any bairn or bairns to be gotten in any other of his mariage or mariage: And in entis it shall happen that ther be no ayrs maill gotten betwixt the said Sir Georg and his said future spouse in the said mariage to succeed to him in his lands and conuenis farsaid, then and in that entis the said Sir Georg binds and oblyssis him and his ayrs maill, taylie and provision succyding to him, to content and pay to the daughters one or more if any shall happen to be gotten in the said mariage the summes following, vñ, if there be but one daughter to pay to her the summe of twentie thousand merkis money of Scotland, and if there shall be two daughters to pay to them the summe of twentie thousand pounds money farsaid, whereof twyls thousand pounds to the eldest daughter, and aught thousand pounds to the youngost daughter: and if there shall be three or more daughters of the said mariage, then to pay to them the said summe of twentie thousand pounds, whereof the one half to the eldest, and the other half to the rest of the said daughters equallie amongst them at their ages of fyftein yeres compleit; and in the mean tyme the said Sir Georg, and his said ayrs maill taylie and provision above writtyn shall educat, and bring vp, furnish, mountayn and sustein the said daughters in meat and drinke, cloþing, barding, learning, at scholdes, and other vortew, honestlie and honorablie, according to their ranks and estats, of all yeres and tyme continuallie from their fathers decess, whill they wynn to their ayres successyve farsaid, wherent they scould have payment of the farrail summes in maner respetive abovementionat . . . And because it shall happen that ther be neither ayrs maill gotten in the said mariage to succeed to the said Sir Georg in his oþer estat and compaids to be maid be him in the said mariage, nor yet no daughters to whom the farsaid summes less or mair shall be payed; then and in that entis the said Sir Georg binds and oblyssis



him and his aires and successors whatsumever, duellie and laufflie to infest and seise the said Anna Nicolson his future spous in lyfrent for all the dayes of her lyfetime, in all and beall the lands of Wester Coig, Wellecig, Bearholme and Westpofie, with their lousses, biggings and pertinents whatsumever, lyand within the said barony of Keir be annexation, and the said shirredom of Peirth, and that by and attoun the forsayd former provision provydit to the said Anna of the forsayd other lands and teynds in lyfrent in maner forsayd and together therwith . . . . For the which causes, and als forsamickle as be decret and proces of apprysing led and deduced at the instance of the said Anna Nicolson, againes John Earl of Crawford and Lindsay before messenger and his colleges within the new Session houes of Edinburgh, vpon the first day of Junii I<sup>o</sup> VI<sup>o</sup> fiftie three yaires, the said Anna obteine l laufflie apprysed to hir from the said John Earl of Crawford and Lindsay, and all others having or pretending to have intres, all and sindrie . . . . the lands and barony of Pit cruyv &c. . . . Therfor and for the crussis above specifeit, the said Anna Nicolson as having right in maner forsayd, sells, annadis, and disponis to the said Sir George Stirling of Keir knight and his aires and assignayes herofable, all and sindrie the fair saids lands, baronies, milnes, woods, fishings, teynds and others particularlie and gene rallie above specifit, apprysed from the said John Earle of Crawford and Lindsay . . . . In witness (phairf. written by Mr. William Cheislie servitor to John Simple writer to the signet,) the saids pairties have subscrivit thir presents with their bands day, moneth, year of God, and place above writhin, befor thir witnessses, Sir Thomas Nicolson Lord Advocat, Sir James Foulls of Collingtoun knight, Sir Archibald Stirling of Carden, William Drumond of Riccartoun, Thomas Drumond far thereof, Thomas Nicolson of Leswad, John Nicolson brother german to the said Thomas Nicolson, Alexander Drumond son to the said William Drumond of Riccartoun, the said John Simple, and Walter Ewing his servitor, and the said Mr. William Cheislie.

THO. NICOLSON witnes.

G. KEIR

S. JA. FOULLIS witnes.

A. NICOLSON.

AR. STIRLING witnes.

THO. NICOLSON consents.

W. RICCARTOUN witnes.

J. HENRYSON.

THOMAS DRUMOND witnes.

THO. NICOLSON witnes.

JOHN NICOLSON witnes.

ALEXR. DRUMOND witnes.

JOHN SIMPLE witnes.

WILL. CHEISLIE witnes.

W. EWING witnes.



PETITION by David Lord Cardross, and Sir George Sterling of Keir. Knight, to the Protector's Council in Scotland, circa 1655.

222. To the Right Honorable His Highnes Councell in Scotland for the government thereof.  
The humble petition of David Lord Cardross, and Sir George Stirling of Keir,  
knight, for themselves, and in name and behalfe of the wholl heritours and  
inhabitants of the parishes vnderwritten.

Humbly Sheweth.

That the parishes of Dunblane, Kilmadock, Kineardin, Port, Aberfuill, Calander, Kippen, Leekrop and Logie, ar within the shirreffdom of Perth, albeit some of the saids parishes be 36 myles distant from Perth, and the neirest of them be 24 miles tharira: so that the heritors and inhabitants of the saids parishes, in the persut and defence of actiones, ar put to very great expences throw ther distarce from the heil burgh of the shire, wher the Court sits: as also when poynldings ar used in these parishes, the poynled goods become vseles to parties concerneit, befor they can be caried to Perth, (which in such cases most be done). And in regard the firsaid parishes ly contigute and adjacent to Stirling, some of them within 3 miles, and the farrest within ten miles, and that it wer a great ease to the people to be joyned to the shirreffdom of Stirling.

May it please your Lordships, for the good of the people, and because of the  
vicinity of the firsaid parishes with Stirling, to joyne them to the shirreff-  
dom of Stirling, and jurisdiction thereof: and that your Lordships will exempt  
them from the jurisdiction of Perth. And they shall ever pray.

CARDROSS.

G. STERLING.

LICENCE by General Menek to Sir George Sterling, 6th November 1656.

223. PERMITT the Bearer heirof, Sir George Sterling, to keepe one horse above the value in the Proclamation, att Calder, or Keere, and to passe with the same about his occasions without molestacion: bee engaging under his hand to Colonel Rude, to pay treble the value in case the same shall bee taken from him by the Enemy. Given  
under my hand and Seale att Dalkeith, the 6th day of November 1656.

To all Officers and Souldiers, and others  
whome these may concerne.

*George Menek*

Seal affixed. A Cheveron between three Lion's heads erased. Crest a Wyvern.



COMMISSION by the Shire of Linlithgow to Sir Archibald Stirling of Garden, Knight,  
27th January 1660.

224. WEE, the Noblemen, Gentilmen and Heritours, with the Justices of Peace of the Shire of Linlithgow, Doe heirby give full powar and commission to Sir Archibald Stirling of Garden knight, to convein and meet at Edinbragh, the second day of Februarij next, with the Commissioners of the other Shires of this Nation: and ther in our names and ypoun our behalfe, to propone, agitat, and give in articles and proposells tending for the good and releife of this Nation, and pressing grievances and burdines thereon in generall, and on the estate of the Shirrefdomes, and our Shire in particular: and if it sal be thought necessarie and convenient, to make choice of Commissioners, one or more, to represent by supplicationes, with instructiones of the same, to the parliament of England, or the Lord Generall Monck, or ony otheris who sal be impowred and commissionat from them; and to treat, voyte, and conclud in all thingis tending and/or inducing for the weill of this Nation in generall, and for the Shirrefdomes therof, and our Shire in speciaill: conforme to the particulars generally and particularly contained in the particular missive direct to ws for that effect; and to doe therin what with commone consent of the saidis Commissionaris sal be found expedient to be done, sicklyk as we might doe ourselfis if we wer personallie present: In witness quairle we have subscrived thir presentis, at Linlithgow, the tweantie sevind day of January, 1660.

MR W. SANDELANDIS.

JO. DUNDAS.

W. COLUILL.

J. LOCKHART.

PATRIK MORAY.

J. FAIRHOLME.

W. HAMILTON.

W. SCHAIRP.

THO. HAMILTON.

SE. L. STECART.

THOMAS DRUMMOND.

J. STUART.

RO. DRUMMOND.

J. HAMILTON.

JA. DUNDAS.

WALTER KEL.

JO. HAY.

ANDRO RO.

JAMES HAMILTON.

R. HAMILTON.

PETITION by Sir Mungo Stirling of Gloratt to King Charles II. 1660.

225. To the King's Most Excellent Majestie, the Humble Petition of Sir Mungo Stirling of Gloratt.

In all humilitie sheueth.

That your petitioner having ingaged himselfe and trendes in his late Majesties service, under the command of James Marquis of Montrose, was unfortunetlie takne



prisoner at the battaile of Philliphae, arried to the citie of Glasgow, and ther committed. During the tyme of his commitment his lands wer exceedingly wasted and spoyled throw quertring and plundering; and to fill up the empes of his suffering considerale fyne was imposed vpon him, which, with his former sufferings and thos. of late, did put his estate in such a tottering conditione as he was not able to kepe it from falling into peices.

And now since it hath pleased the Almighty to bestow your sacred Majestie vpon us as a returme from heauen of our tares and prayers: your petitioner doeth most humbly beseeche your Majestie to take his faythfull and loyale seruices, (which hath occasioned a ruine of his fortune in a partie, and the hazards of what remaines,) into your princell consideratione; that what was teaking from him as a punishment may by your Majestie be graciously restored to him as a reward of his loyaltie: and prayeth your Majestie will be graciously pleased too that effect, to recommend this his just petitione to your succeeding parliament in Scotland, or Lord Commissioner for parliament, that your petitioner may be impoured to proceed legallie against the persones to whom the said fyne was gauen, for refunding it to him:

So your petitioner prayeth for your Majestie's long lyfe and prosperous raigne.

Whitehall, 22 November 1660.

His Majestie is graciously pleased to refer this petition to the consideration of his Parliament in Scotland.

LAUDERDAILE.

DISCHARGE by John Stirling of Bankell to Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight,  
28th January 1662.

226. BE it kend till all men be thir presant letters, me, John Stirling of Bankell, air servit and retourt to vnpikill Willame Stirling of Bankell, quha wes air of vnpikill Willame Stirling of Bankell, his father, third lawfull sone to vnpikill Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir knight, my gudesire: Forsameikle as the said vnpikill Sir Archibald, be his lettre of tak, daitit the tuncle third day of Maie 17<sup>th</sup> VI<sup>th</sup> and four zeiris, as princell takisman of the teynd scheaves underwritting, sett in tak and assedatioun to the said vnpikill Willame Stirling his third sone, and his airis meall, offall and haill the teynd scheaves of the landis of Bankell with the pertinents, lyand within the parochis of Balderneek, and Shiredom of Stirling: and that for the said Willame Stirling his lyfytme, and thairfyr for the sume of nyntyze zeiris: payand thairnoir zeiris to the said vnpikill Sir Archibald, his airis successors and assigneis, the number of trettynell bolls teynd meall, or less the sume of thre shillingis four penceis Scottis money per



ilk bell thairef, in the optioun of the said Willame Stirling and his firsaldis, yeirlic at the terme of Mertimes . . . . as the said letter of tak, containing ample warrantie, at mair leuth beares: And now for certaine onerous causes and consideracions, done to me by Sir George Stirling of Keir, knight: Wit ye me, as air be progres to the saidis vnyquhill Willame Stirling of Bankell elder and younger, to have renunced . . . . the fairsaid letter of tak of and concerning the taynl shawes of the saidis landis of Bankell to and in favouris of the said Sir George Stirling and his sis, with all headlis, artiles, claussis and condicioneis theirin contained, for now and evir. In witnes quhairof I have subserivit thir presents, (writtine by David Moir Shireff Clerk of Stirling,) at Edinburgh, the tuncie eight day of Januar, the yeir of God 1634. vñ thrie scoir tua yeiris, befoir thir witnesses, Sir Archibald Stirling of Cardon kylcht, ane of the senatoris of the Colledge of Justice, and the said David Moir, wrether heirof.

D. MOIR Witnes.

S. AT. STIRLING Witnes.

J. STIRLING.

TESTAMENT of Sir George Stirling of Keir, 1st March 1634. &c.<sup>4</sup>

227. BEING vexed aboue this yeir past with a sore paine in my legs, I purpose God willing, to goo to Edelburgh to use the ordinarie meaneis for freing me therof in time coming: But if it please God so to dispese as not only the us . . . of man is prove infecional, but that deathe ensewe, and this mortall tabernacle be dislyed. I trust in the merces of God throughe the alone merite of Jesus Christ my Saviour, to haue ane house not made with handis but eternall in the heavens, when deathe shall arrest: I not only recomende to (bot conjure) my Lord Cardon my cousin, for the mytchell affection he has been betwixt us, not to let cur wy. [or bewill my body] but to interre my body in my He in Dumblane Kirk, without showe, trumpts or soncuing any but freindis, at ane neir distance, and that with decencie and diligencie.

I doubt not but he will remember and performe to Rachell Hendersone, my cousin to my laite deare wife, what past betwixt ws at Keir some few dayes after her funerall.

To Mungo Campbell I appointed to be giuen be my Lord Cardon thrie bandrethe markes as a token for his earfull and kyndly attending me the time of my infirmitie.

To James Bairde my foote man thrie score markes to help him, being scieldy and infirme.

To Alaster McLairan, wh. served me thir four yeirs past ane hundrethe markes Scots.

<sup>4</sup> There are duplicates of this Testament at K. 1. The variations between them are here placed within brackets.



For verification of the premisses I have written and subscrived the premisses at  
Keir, 1: Marche 1664.

G. KEIR.

Also I appoint all my body-clothes, except my blake velvet coate, and the silver  
and gold bever to be giuen to Mungo Campbell.

To Harry Sterling, sonne to John Sterling of Quoigis, I appoint thrie score poundis  
secks to be giuen [because he sometime sorred me.]

And thir snade legacie I appoint to be payed by my Lord Carden.

The virginells in the laigh toun in the Keir, I appoint to be given to the Lady  
Carnocke younger, having promised her them, being at Carnocke as I came east.

3 August 1664.

The virginells to be keipt and not to be giuen, in regairde of the melanecolie con-  
dition the lady is in through the deathe of her husband.

15 May 1665.

What I appointed on the other side for James Bairde, I heirby recalle, since he  
hes left my service.

TESTAMENT of Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight, confirmed 11th December 1657.

228. The Testament datine, and Inventar of the moveable guidis, geir, debitis, and sonnes  
of money, except airship'd quibilk pertained and belonged to the deceast Sir George  
Stirling of Keir knight, the tyme of his deceast, who deceast in the moneth of June  
1<sup>o</sup> viij threescore seiven years, within the parochin and commissariet of Dunblane  
trathfullie maid and given up by Sir John Stirling now of Keir knight, executor  
late decessit to the said defuner, be decessit of the Commissor of Dunblane, as un-  
der made therupon, deatit the elevinthe day of December 1<sup>o</sup> viij and sevintie thre  
years bearis.

#### INVENTAR.

Imprimis: the said executor declares that the said defuner had na cornes, catell  
horss, nolt, or sheep, or vther grulis and geir pertaing to him and in his posses-  
sione, tyme foirsake of his deceast, except two horss, with thair furniture, estimat both  
to ij: xxxij: vi: viij: Item his domicillis and aboulziementis of his huse, estimat to  
vj: lxxij: xiii: iiiij:

Susanna Inventarij — viij: —

Dit is resting to the defuner.

Imprimis: he has tenents and vassals, for ferme duty and stallboll grulis, 1<sup>o</sup> ij:



xxxij<sup>l</sup> vi<sup>l</sup> viij<sup>l</sup> Item, be Sir Thomas Nicolson of Carnock, vj<sup>l</sup> lxxij<sup>l</sup> xiiij<sup>l</sup> iiiij<sup>l</sup>  
 Item, be the Laird of M'Lean ii<sup>l</sup> iii<sup>l</sup> Item, be M'Gregor in Ramnoch j<sup>l</sup> iii<sup>l</sup> xxxij<sup>l</sup> vi<sup>l</sup> viij<sup>l</sup>  
 Item be the Viscount of Kilsyth, conforme to a decret recovered be the  
 defunct aginst him, I<sup>l</sup> iii<sup>l</sup>.

Summa of the saidis debts, vi<sup>l</sup> vj<sup>l</sup> xxxij<sup>l</sup> vi<sup>l</sup> viij<sup>l</sup>

Summa of the said Inventar and debts, viij<sup>l</sup> iiiij<sup>l</sup> xxxij<sup>l</sup> vj<sup>l</sup> viij<sup>l</sup>

Debts resting be the defunct.

Imprimis, to Mr. George Stirling in Glasgow, vj<sup>l</sup> iiij<sup>l</sup> xxxij<sup>l</sup> vi<sup>l</sup> viij<sup>l</sup> Item, to  
 William Ker in Dunblane vj<sup>l</sup> lxxij<sup>l</sup> xiiij<sup>l</sup> iiiij<sup>l</sup> Item, to Mungo Campbell at Knock-  
 hill, vj<sup>l</sup> lxxij<sup>l</sup> xiiij<sup>l</sup> iiiij<sup>l</sup>

Summa of the samen debts, viij<sup>l</sup> vj<sup>l</sup> lxxij<sup>l</sup> xiiij<sup>l</sup> iiiij<sup>l</sup>

Debita excedant bona.

#### CONFIRMATION.

I, Robert Bruce of Bordie, Comisser of Dunblane, etc. . . . . John Stirling of  
 Kippendavy, cautioner . . . . att Dunblane, the eleventh day of December, 1673.

CONTRACT OF MARRIAGE between Sir John Stirling of Keir and Dame Lillias Colquhoun,  
 eldest daughter of Sir John Colquhoun of Luss, 2nd March 1676.

229. ATT the Canongate foott, the second day of March, I<sup>l</sup> VI: thriescore sixteen:  
 Forasmuch as their was ane minut of contract matrimonial past betwixt the honorable  
 pairties following, to witt, Sir John Stirling of Keir vpon the ane pairt, and Sir John  
 Colquhoun of Luss, for himself, and as takeing burdein for Dame Lillias Colquhoun his  
 eldest daughter, and now spos to the said Sir John Stirling, vpon the other pairt, of  
 the date, att the Canongate-foott, the second day of December, I<sup>l</sup> VI: seventie fyve  
 yeires: whairle, for the mariage thehir contracted and theirafter solemnized betwixt  
 the said Sir John Stirling and the said Dame Lillias Colquhoun, the said Sir John  
 Stirling is bound and oblieged to infest and sease the said Dame Lillias Colquhoun, in  
 lyfrent dureing all the days of her lyfyme, in his maner place of Calder and oþer  
 houses theirto belonging, and in so many of his Lands of the west end of his barony  
 of Calder, as will extend to four thousand merks of yearlie rent, besyds kyynes, services,  
 and customes: to be brukit and enjoyed by her dureing her lyfyme incase she sur-  
 vive him, to be holden in maner vnderwritten, and also the said Sir John Stirling is  
 oblieged to doe and performe the other obligaments and condicions afterswifted in  
 maner vnderwritten: whilk whairle contract both the saids pairties are oblieged to  
 extend in maner after mentioned as the samen more fullie beares: And now both the



said parties being willing to extenuate the said minut of contract as follows: That the said Sir John Stirling of Keir for implement and fulfilling of his part of the said minut anent the extenuation of the saman in maner aforespecified, binds and oblidges him his aires and successors, to deudie validlie and sufficientlie inricht and seise the said dam Lillias Colquhoun his spouse in lyfrent, dureing all the days of her lyfthume, in all and heall the said maner place of Calder, with the yairds, orchards and other heries belonging thereto, and in all and sundry the landes and others aforespecified, to witt in all and heall the Landis of Kirknew of Calder, etc. . . . And farder the said Sir John Stirling of Keir binds and oblidges him and his aires whatsumevir, to proffir and resigne his heall lands liveing and estate whatsomever, for new infestment of the samen to himself and the aires male procreat or to be procreat betwixt him and the said Dam Lillias Colquhoun his spouse, quhilikis faillicing to the aires male of his owne body of any other marriage, quhilikis faillicing to his nearest aires male whatsomever quhilikis faillicing to his aires and assignyeys whatsumevir: And in respect that the daughters are seclupit from the estate: theirfor faillicing of aires male of this marriage, the said Sir John Stirling of Keir binds and oblidges him and his other aires male succeeding to him, to pay to the daughters of this marriage, the portions following, to witt, if their be bet on daughter the summe of twentie fyve thousand merks, and if their be two daughters the summe of threitie thrie thousand merkis, wherof twenty thousand merks to the eldest, and threttein to the second: and if their be thrie or more daughters fourtie thousand merk, wherof eighteen to the eldest and the rest to be equally divydit, and that att their ages of fyfteen yeires: and in the meane tyme to intertwaine and educat them as becomes: And upon the other part: Wherof the said Sir John Colquhoun of Luss be the forsaid minut of contract is oblidged to pay to the said Sir John Stirling his aires or assignyeys, in mone of teachir with the said Dam Lillias Colquhoun the summe of twentie thousand merks Scottis money, the one half att Wits-enday next, and the other half at Mortimes next: Thairfor the said Sir John Colquhoun of Luss binds and oblidges him his aires executors and successors off new againe to pay to the said Sir John Stirling of Keir his aires or assignyeys, the said summe of twentie thousand merks, in maner and att the terms above and aforespecified to witt, the one half theirof extending to ten thousand merks at Wits-enday next, and the other half att Mortimes else next, with ane thousand merks of penaltie for ilk terms faillice, and annual rent for each of the said proportiones fift and fra the termes of payment theirof whyle the payment of the saman: And this in satisfactione to the said Dam Lillias Colquhoun and her said husband of all farder boimes pairt of gear and portione naturall that they can claime or crave be deceise of her father and mother



when it happenis . . . . In witness whair f. (written by Hugh Paterson serviter to Hugh Paterson of Benneckburn writer to his Majestie's Signer,) both the said parties have subscrivet these presents, day, moneth, year of God and place above written, before these witnesses, John Earle of Crawford and Lindsay, William Earle of Duntonald Lord Cochran, Sir Archibald Stewart of Blackhall, James Seton of Touch, Sir John Cunynghame of Lambrington Alcyent, Archibald Stirling of Corden, and James Stirling, bretherin to the said Laird of Keir.

CRAFURD LINDESAY Witnes.

SE J. STIRLING of Keir.

DUNDONALD Witnes.

LILIAS COLQUHOUNE.

A. STEWART Witnes.

JO. COLQUHOUNE of Luss

J. SETONE Witnes.

A. STIRLING Witnes.

JAMES STIRLING Witnes.

JOHN CUNIGHAM Witnes.

PROTECTION by James, Duke of Buccleugh and Monmouth, to Sir John Stirling, 24th June 1679.

James, Duke of Buccleugh and Monmouth, Earl of Dalkeith and Denester, Lord Scott, and Archdale Thirkill and Whitchester, General of His Majestie's forces, &c. 230. All Officers, Soldiers and others when it may concern, are hereby strictly charged and required not to offer any injury or violence to Sir John Stirling, his Louse, servants, and tenants att Keir, and that they presume not to seize or take away any horses, goods, cattle, or other thing belonging to any of them: as they will answer the contrary att their perill. Given att the Camp att Long Tyke this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1679.

TESTAMENT of Sir John Stirling of Keir, Knight, 12th June 1682.

241. Att the place of Keir the twelve day of Junij, I<sup>o</sup> VI. for your two years. The said day, the right h[on]orabill Sir John Stirling of Keir Knight, having resolvit for settling his worldlie affaires and business doth make his Letter will and testament, as



efter followes, wherby he nominat and appoynt John Stirling, his eldest lawfull son, to be his sole executour and universall introumettar with his haill goods, geir and debtes, with power to him, or his Tutors eftirmentional, or any one of them in his name, to give vp Inventar therof and of his debts, in and out, confirme the samyne, and to doe evry vther thing necessar or incumbent to the said office. Item, he does heirby declare, that he is adlected and awand to James Stirling, his second lawfull son, the sowing of fyftein thowsand merks Scots money; to William Stirling, his thrid lawfull son, the sowing of twelve thowsand merks money fairsaid; and to Lillias Stirling his leuell dochter, the sowing of eightein thowsand merks money; quhilke is respective he heirby ordaines his said executour to content and pay to his said chibbling, in maner, and at and vpon the termes and condicione speciallie mentionat and conteinit in the bands of provisoun respective grantit be him therauen: together with his haill vther just and lawfull debts awand be hir to his wher creditouris: Lykess he does heirby nominat and appoynt Dame Lillias Colquhoun, his weelvorit spous, with the ryght honorabill James Marquais of Montrose &c., John Marquais of Atholl &c., and Sir James Colquhoun of Luss, knyght and baronet, James Seaton of Touch, William Murray of Spot, Georg Murray, one of the lieutennants to His Majestie's troop of guards, Captain James Stirling, for present at Hall in England, his vncle, and Mr. Francis Stirling his sonne, Archibald Stirling of Garben, James Stirling his brother germane, Georg Stirling of Herbertshyre, John Stirling of Kippendavie, Captain John Stirling of Craigbarnet, Georg Stirling, chirurgian burges of Edinburgh, and William Stirling, Regall Clerk of Glesgow, to be Tutors and Overseers to the saids John, James, William and Lillias Stirlings his chibbling, during their pupillarie and manere: and any four of them to be a quorum, with the said Dame Lillias Colquhoun, whom he heirby nominat and appoynts to be Tutor sine quo non, during hir vilitie and widowheid alianorlie: and in case of hir mariage to a second husband, he heirby nominats the said Archibald Stirling of Garden to be tutor to them sine quo non, and any four of the fourmeid frindis to be a quorum in that case with him: requesting all of them heirby to sie to the educatione of his saidis chibbling in the fayre of God, and to the richt managment of what fortune and estait is left or provydit to them: Recalling heirby all former testaments or litteris wills, and declarling the samyn end and voyd: And this to be his lattere will and testament he heirby notefies and mackes known to all whom it may conerne. In witness quherof he has subscrivit thir presentis, (written by the said William Stirling), the day, zeir and place fayre said, befoir thir witness, Andrew Raitt his present serviter, and the said William Stirling

W. STIRLING. Witness.

A. RAITT. Witness.

J. STIRLING of Kair.



REGISTER  
OF THE  
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS,  
OF THE  
STIRLINGS OF KEIR.<sup>1</sup>

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J. STERLING.

232. I was mariet vpon Margaret Montethe, zounkest dochter to Sir William Montethe of Kers, in the Kirk of Alveth, vpon Tysday, the xvii of August 1613.

JOHNE STERLING — My eldest sone Johne was borne in the Keir on Saterday, the xxiii of Julii 1614, at ten horis at nicht.

GRISALL STERLING — My dochter Grissall was borne in Cadder on Sonday, the xi of Februar, at fyve heris in the morning, 1616.

ARCHIBALD STERLING — My sone Archibald was borne in Cadder on Monday, the ix of June 1617, at tuo horis afternoone.

ANNA STERLING — My dochter Anna was borne in the Keir on Saterday, the xi of Julii 1618, betuix x and xi at nicht.

MARGARET STERLING — My dochter Margaret was borne in the Keir, the i of Agust 1619, befor viii horis in the morning.

WILLIAM STERLING — My sone William was borne in Cadder on Sonday, the xxviii of December 1620, betuix 3 and 4 in the evening.

JAMES STERLING — My sone James was borne in the Keir on Thursday, the xxx of Maii 1622, just at xii hours at nicht — Laus et Gloria Deo.

WILLIAM STERLING — My sone William was borne in the Keir on Saturday, the xv of Januar 1625, betuixe ten and elevinthe in the morninge, and my wif pairtit tuyse of barne betuixe James birthe and Williamis.

GEORGE STERLING — My sone George was borne in Cadder on Monday, the xviii of September 1626, at ten horis in the morninge.

<sup>1</sup> This is taken from a book in which the entries are entirely made in the handwriting of the respective lairds, who superscribe the entries applicable to themselves and their children.



ALEXANDER STERLING — My sonne Alexander was borne in the Keir on Thursday the xvii of Julii 1628, befor fyve horis in the morninge.

My wyf, at the plesour of God, departit this mortall lyf in the Keir, on Monday the xxi of Julii 1628, at fyve horis in the morninge, and was buriet in Dunblaine the i of Agust thairefter — J. STERLING.

### MR. STIRLING.

My mariedg wpon Elisabeth Murray was at Edin. wpon the 9 of Julie 1637, celebrat be Mr. Ha. Rolle Minister at Edin.

My sonn JHONE was born at Ochilttrie the 13 day of Apraill 1638.

My dochter ANNA was born at Gardenn the 3 of Agust 1639.

My dochter MARGARETT was born at Stirling wpon the 9 of Januar 1640. [sic, selege 1641].

My soun GEORG was born at Polmeas the 16 day of June 1642.

My mariedg wpon Ma. Murray was at Edin the 21 July 1646.

My dochter CATHRINE was born at Edin the 8 of Sept. 1647.

My dochter ELIZABETH was born at Ochilttrie wpon the last of Januarie 1649.

My dochter REBECKA was born at Ochilttrie wpon the 2 of Apraill 1650.

My sonne ARCHIBALD was born at Gardenne the 21 of March 1651.

My sonne JAMES was borne in Gardenne the 29 of Jun 1652.

GEORGE was borne at Ochilttrie the 20 day of July 1653.

WILLIAM was borne at Ochilttrie the 20 day of October 1654.

ALEXANDER was born at Ochilttrie the 9 of Apraill 1656.

THOMAS was borne at Ochilttrie the 25 of December 1658.

HENRIE was borne at Edinburgh the 20 day of July 1667.

### SIR JOHN STIRLING.

I was married to Ladie Margarath Livingstone, second dochter to the Earle of Lithgow, at Sterling, the 6 of Febr: 1668, celebrat be Mr. James Forsayth.

My wife miscaried of my eldest sonne 13 Febr: 1669.

My wife departed this mortall life at the Keir, the 2 of November 1674, and was buriet at Dunblaine.

I was married to Lilius Colquhoun, eldest dochter to the Laird of Lusse, at the Abey



of Holymouth celebrat be Mr. Walter Stirling, Minister of Baldernecke, on the 2 dey of December 1675.

My eldest son ARCHIBALD was born at the Keir, 29 October 1676, at five a cloack on Sunday morning, and was baptised at the Keir be Mr. Gasper Kellie, Dean of Dunblaine, the 2 of November 1676.

My second son JOHN was borne at Sterling 26 October 1677, at five a cloack on Fraydie morning, he was baptised by Mr. Persone, Minister of Sterling, the 1 November.

My threid son GEORGE was borne at the Kere on Tuesday, 12 November 1678, and was baptised by Mr. Gasper Kellie, Deane of Dunblaine, at the church of Leecrop, on the 18 November 1678.

My forth son JAMES was borne at the Keir on Saturday, the 1 of November 1679, betuixt 7 and 8: cloack at nicht, and was baptised at Leecrop 2 November, be Mr. William Weems, Minister of Leecrop.

My dochter LILLIAS was born at the Keir on Thursday, 13 Januar 1681, at 6 in the morning, and was baptised at Leecrop on 15 Januar, by Mr. William Weems, Minister of Leecrop.

My fift son WILLIAM was born at Keir on Fraydie 24 March 1682, at six a cloack in the morning, and was baptised on Saturday 26 March, at Leecrop, be Mr. William Weemes, Minister of Leecrop.

My second dochter ELISABETH was born at Keir on Sonday, 3 June 1683, at 2 a cloack in the morning, and baptised the said day at Leecrop by Mr. William Weemes, Minister of Leecrop.

[The following entry is in the handwriting of John Stirling of Keir, No. XVIII. 1.]

The said Sir John Stirling died at Keir the      day      1684, and his wife Lillias Colquhoun survived him; she w. s 2 or 3 years after his death married to Mr. Charles Maitland, brother to the Earle of Lawderdale, and had one daughter died a child. The said Charles died at Cadder the      day of June 1716, and the said Lillias at Cadder the last of December 1726.

#### J. A. STIRLING.

I was married to Marione Stewart, eldest daughter to Alexander Lord Blantyre, the 24 day of Februar 1704, at Cardonell.

My eldest son JOHN was born att Aiskine, the 18 day of November, betwixt three and four in the afternoon, in the year 1704.



My eldest daughter ANN was born at the Keir the 20 day of January 1706.

My second daughter LILLIAS was born the 6 day of February 1707, att Edinburgh.

My third daughter FRANCIS was born att Keir the 30 day of December 1707.

My second son ALEXANDER was born att the Keir the 11th day of September 1709, about half ane hour after four a clock in the afternoon.

My third son ARCHIBALD was born att Keir the 4th day of September 1710, about half ane hour after three in the morning.

My fourth son WALTER was born at Keir the 30 day of August 1711, about ten minutes before eight in the morning.

My fiveth son CHARLES was born att Keir the 1st day October, about eleeven a clock at night, 1712.

My sixth son WILLIAM was born att Keir the eight day of September 1713, five minutes befor one in the morning.

My seventh son JAMES was born att Keir the 17th day of September 1714.

My eight son ROBERT was born att Keir the 14th day of September 1715.

My 4th daughter ELISABETH was born att Edinburgh the 7th day of January 1718.

My 9th son HENRY was born att Keir the 22d day of November 1718.

My 5th daughter HELEN was born att Keir the 29th day of October 1719.

My 6th daughter MARGARETT was born att Keir the 6th of October 1720.

My 10th son CHARLES was born att Cadder the 8th day of March 1722.

My 11th son HUGH was born at Cadder the 26th day of February 1723, about 2 a clock in the morning.

My 7th daughter MAGDALEN was born att Cadder on February 29, 1724.

My 12th son WILLIAM was born at Cadder on June 5, 1725.

My 13th son LEWIS was born att Cadder the 30 of November 1726.

My 14th son HENRIETT was born att Cadder the 20 of March 1728.

My 15th son ALEXANDER was born att Glasgow the 4th of December 1729.

JAMES STIRLING of Keir died at Cadder on February 17th 1749, aged 70 years. His eldest son, John, succeeded to the estate, who never was married, and he died in Edinburgh in June 1757, aged 54 years; and his brother Archibald succeeded to the estate, who was married, in the year 1759, to Margaret Erskine, daughter to Colonel William Erskine of Terrie, and she died att Bristol in the year 1761, without having children, and he married for his second wife, widow Lady Murray, eldest daughter of Alexander Hay of Drummelzier, in the year 1762. (The Honourable Marion Stewart, wife of James Stirling of Keir, died at Cadder, 20 March 1770.)



ARCHIBALD STIRLING of Keir died there 3d November 1783, aged 73. His widow, Mrs. Ann Stirling, died at Calder 14 October 1807, aged 80.

WILLIAM STIRLING, youngest son to James Stirling of Keir, was married to Hellen Gray, second daughter to John Lord Gray, at Edinburgh the 1st day of October 1765.

My eldest son JAMES was born at Calder the 8th day of October 1766.

My second son JOHN was born at Calder the 23d day of February 1768.

My third son Archibald was born at Calder the 24 day of August 1769.

My 4th son CHARLES was born at Calder the 12th day of May 1771.

My first daughter MARGARET and my sixth son ROBERT, both was born at Calder the 24th day of December 1772.

My 2d daughter MARION was born at Calder the 12th day of June 1774.

My 3d daughter JEAN was born at Calder the 2d day of July 1775.

My Wife died at Calder the 31st day of July 1776, and was buried at Dunblain. She was 30 years of age.

I was married at Castlemilk the 3d day of November 1781 to Jean Stuart, youngest daughter of Sir John Stuart of Castlemilk.

My oldest daughter HELEN was born at Calder the 14th February 1783.

My second daughter was born at Keir the 23d of February 1785, and was named ANNE.

WILLIAM STIRLING, youngest son and child of William Stirling of Keir before mentioned, was born at Keir 23 August 1789.

The above mentioned William Stirling of Keir died there on the 24 May 1793, aged 68, and was buried at Dunblane.

Lady Hamilton of Rosehall (Margaret Stirling) died at Edinburgh 29 October 1802, aged 82.

#### CHILDREN of the late WILLIAM STIRLING of Keir, died as under—

MARGARET STIRLING at Keir, June 1784, aged 12½ years.

JOHN STIRLING at Hampden, Jamaica, 24 March 1793, unmarried, aged 25.

ROBERT STIRLING at Kingston, Jamaica, 28 Sept. 1808. Married. Aged 36. Left one daughter, who died at London in 1822, aged 13. The name of his wife was Sarah, daughter of Dr. Steel of Jamaica. The name of their daughter—Helen.

WILLIAM STIRLING died at Castlemilk, 1st December 1825, aged 30.

CHARLES STIRLING married C. Erskine, daughter of D. Erskine, writer, Edinburgh.



14th October 1817, at Linlathen. No children. He died at Cadder, January 30th 1830, aged 53, and buried in Leecroft church.

JAMES STIRLING, Esq. of Kier, who succeeded his father, W. Stirling, May 1793, died at Kier, July 26th 1831, aged 64, unmarried, was succeeded by his brother Archibald Stirling. Buried in Leecroft church.

JEAN STIRLING, 3d daughter of William Stirling, Esq. of Kier, died at Broomly, Kent, September 17th 1835, aged 60 years.

MARION STIRLING, 3d daughter of William Stirling of Kier, died at Kier 1 March 1842, aged 68, and was buried in Leecroft church on the 9th of March.

ARCHIBALD STIRLING married E. Maxwell, second daughter of Sir John Maxwell, Bart. of Pollock, June 1st 1815. She died at Kenmure, September 1822, aged 29.

His eldest son, WILLIAM, was born at Kenmure, 8th March 1818.

His eldest daughter, HANNAH ANNE, born at Kenmure, August 17th 1816.

His 2d daughter, ELIZABETH, born at Kenmure, August 24th 1822.



LETTERS  
TO THE  
STIRLINGS OF KEIR, &c.

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Jane Chisholm, 'Lady Kyr.' to the Laird of Perdowy, *circa. 1550.*

233. TRAIST freynd and weilbelowit, after my hartlie commendacioun. Seing that all thingis is appoynit betuix the Lard my housbund and zow, quhaire I am wery blyth. I wab desyr zow to be sa guid for my request, as to lett the midland remane still wyth the mill for this zeir to cum, and I sall pay zow dewtie for that pker of land ressouabillie as ze and I can appoyn, for it will haert sumthig of profet to the Lard to dewyd the land fra the anill, and it sall do zow na harti, but I sall pay zow dewtie thirfor, quhill estirvart that the Lard and ze may agrie vpon the mylne and waler turneis amangis zour selfis. I sall wathing to haert zow profet, bot to pay for the same. The maist easis that I charge zow wyth this is, that it wilbe bruitit into the contrie, gif that land be tane fra the mylne quhilk has bene sa lang in vs thairfor. I am hamelie wyth zow in this mater, as ze may charge me agae wyth als grit and mader; all wther thingis is agreit amang freyndis, and I desyr this to be agreit betwix zow and me. I will mecht lett the Lard witt of this quhill I be suir quhat wilbe done thairtill. quhilk ze will aduerteis me quhat I may lippin to. I refer the rest to zour wisdon and aduertisement wyth this heirar, and commend me hartlie to my aynt zour bedfellow. God preserue zow. From Cadder this Wodinsday. Zouris at power.



To hir traist freynd and weilbelowit, the Lard of Perdowy.

Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir to the Laird of Borthowie, Elder, 30th July 1602.

234. Richt traist freynd — After my verray hartlie commendaciouns, this present is to put zow in remembrance that this metter of feud standing betuix our name and the



name of Kankaid lyis long onput to sum point: quhilk (as I am certanlie informit) lyis over in default of sum veill villit mediatouris to travell in that errand; and sume that the onlie quarrall lyis now vpon the pure boy Willame Stirling, quha for that occatione may not vs the maner to vin his leving, I wald think it mycht that our consultatione of freindis var, that advyis mycht be tane how that matter mycht be pakit vp, gif possibill it var, vtherrayis that orhour mycht be tane be our advyssis, quha ar freindis, how the young man may leif without parrall. For this effect thairfor, I will effectuallie request z a to meit me at the kirk of Maire, on Setterday, the vii of August, be ten houris beforne none, that advyssment may be tane heiranent. Sa refering the rest to our meiting, quhilk I huk for assuridie Godvilling. I commet zou to Godis protectione. Fra the Keir, the penult of July 1602.

*My affeit good freind as  
ye poore.*  
*Grissall sterling  
Gobey. 1602*

To his assuerit good freind, the Lard of Barlowe, Elder.

Dame Grissall Rees, Lady Keir to the Countess of Eglington.<sup>1</sup> 5th November 1612

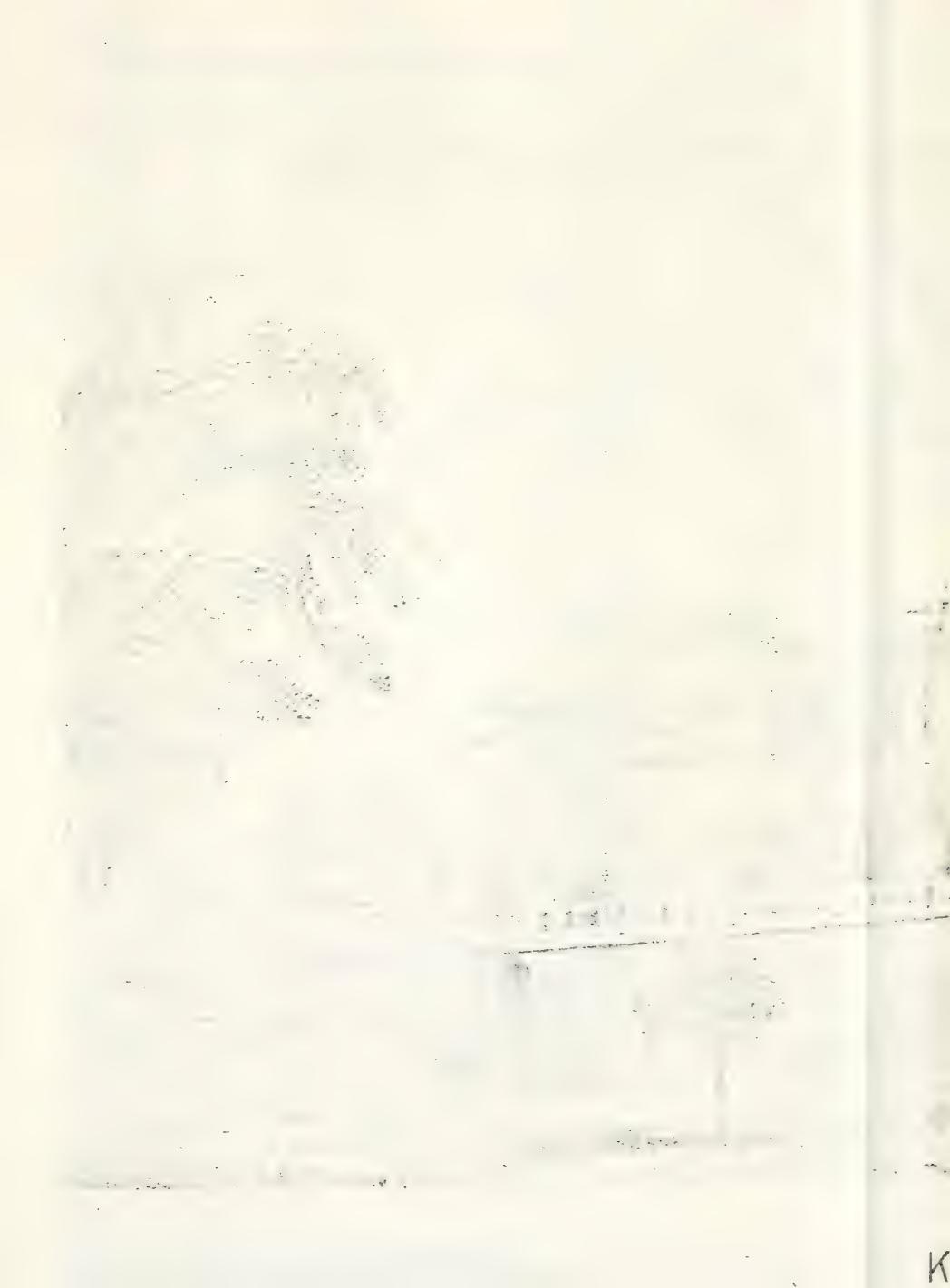
235. Madame — My most deuiful commendacions remeberit: pleis zeur Ladyship that this zung gentleman, my sister the Lady Carneddis sonne, being desyvys to be placit in service vith sum nobilmen, and has villit me to mak my moyea for the sending, in respect his father has sumqualit accusit him self in misgoverning his cont; and I accounting zeour Ladyship, and [say Lord zeour] bushand, as the most speciall freindis that I heare to heploy, vill most affeitly request zeour Ladyship that ze vill place this zung man ather in my Lord zeour bushand's clander to putt on or af his cloths, and vait on his Lordship, or in quhat vther office zeour Ladyship thinks meit for such aane, and I vilbe assueridie to zeour Ladyship that he sal be fidelit and obediante to my Lord or zeour Ladyship in quhatsoeuer ze employ him. I think very long to heave met with zeour Ladyship for sindrie respects, but I His God that I haue a guid

<sup>1</sup> The writer of this letter was a daughter of James Lord Ross, and the wife of Sir Alexander Seton, 2<sup>nd</sup> of Seton, Kt. 1611, 2, v. 44, no. 10. The Countess of Eglington was Dame Anna, 1<sup>st</sup> wife of Alexander, sixth Lord of Eglington.



FEIR 1831







KEIR-1858.



Country outside of a wood  
is a great place to see all  
of these good birds. In the east  
there are not these birds, the  
Red-tail, the Fox Sparrow, and the  
varied Thrush, and the Cedar  
Waxwing, and the Cedar Waxwing, and the  
Mourning Dove, and the  
American Robin, and the  
American Crow, and the  
American Robin, and the  
American Crow, and the



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neus of zour Ladyship, and prays God that it may ever continue. Swa referring to zour Ladyship's answer, I rest

Zour Ladyship's louing ent to be commandit.

Ochiltrie, the 5 of November 1612.

Giball Ross  
Lady keir

To my very guid Lady, my Lady Countes of Eglintone, this be delyueritt.

Sir Thomas Hamilton of Priestfield, Knight, to Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, Knight.  
7th March 1613.

236. Right Honorable Sir — Being informed be John Lewistoun of Prestoun, that ane block being agriell in termes betuix yow and him, anent your byeing from him of two exingang of kirkland in Vehiltrie, and that he had delayed to perfyte the block whill ye vnderstade be my letter that he had maid no right to use of these two exingang of land: I have thairfore tane pourpose to certifie yow be thir lynes, that he never maid any bargane with me concerning these lands, or any partit thairof, and that their is no cause to skar to deal with him for any disposition thairof maid to me, for thair is none. Swa thanking yow for your kynd respect had to me in that mater, whilk I sall be reddie to acquyt with any pleasure I can, whan ye sall please to command me: I commit yow to God. Edinburgh, this 7 Mereh 1613.

your affuid friend at  
your

Seb. Lambe.

To the right honorable my verie speciall freind,

Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, Knight.

Sir George Stirling of Keir to the Laird of Gloret, Younger. 26th January 1635.

237. Louing Cousin — My loued affectione remembred: these are to shone you that, praised be God, I am and bes still bein in good healtys since my coming to Italie, and having



passed the dead of the winter in Padua. I am now upon my voyage to Rome and Naples, quhilk I shall accomplish, God willing, with all possible diligence, that I may be in France before the heats come on in this countrie. In the meane time, I will intreate you still to concerne with your best advise for the managing of my busines till my returme, at which time the effects shall witnessse the desire I have to approce my selfe.

Zours most affectionet Cousen in all I can.

S. G. STERLING of Keir.

Venise. 26 Januarie 1635.

Let these present my best affectiōnes to your bedfellow, and all the rest of our whole freinds.

To my verie louing Cousin

The Laird of Gloriet, Zounger—These.

William Drummond of Riccarton to Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight,

12th May 1641.

238. Right Honorable and Lovinge Cusinge — I vill vreat nothing pertayning to you unto such tym as I hear frome you att your returme to Newcastle: so nowe ye shall only knaw that Stratfor was execut this day, betwixt eleyne and twelue, and amysmally therafter the Kinge called vs, and truly wher I thought we shuld haif fould him as an cholie and harse, we foud him in a very god temper: and I think ere it be longe our Treaty shall neir close.

The Parliament of Scotland is to be prorogated till the 13 of July next, quhilk day the Kinge has woulde to keepe, except sicknesse or deathe prevene it: and uppon my word I verily believe that he vill perforne it. I shew you be my last that ther vor some hear who ve suspected to haif bene upone an vnfoufull plot: it is not yet fully discovered, but it is thought to haif been with the French: already ther ar foud dedl. viz. Harry Persy, Harry Jermyn, Sir Alane Sucklinge, and uther ton who ar not con siderable: it is thought ther will mor, they erre it to longe, whiche you shall hear of as occetions offerrs.

I will repeat nothinge that is conteneid in the publicke letter, but in generall know that I think the Parliament will now quickly dispatche us, for Stratfor is gone, and they haife got one bill past that the Parliament shall vnder be reformed and brake up without consent of both houses, quhilk now makes them that they ar able to do any thinge of themselves.



As the bearer com shew you, I am so straite with tyme, that I am forced to tak my leaue abruptly, and continue any thinge elis I haue a minde to wreat till the next occassione, to whiche tyme and over, I shall unchangeably continue.

Your affectionate custome and servant.

London, 12 Maij 1641.

W. D. RICCAUTOUNE.

I am almost a sleep all the creatinge herof, for I was up this morninge be two a cleake to see Swifter encom.

For the Right Honorable his truly affectionate Cusing.

St George Sterlings of Keire — Thos.

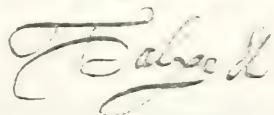
From General Thomas Dalyell of Binns, February 1643.

239. Honorable Sir — Yours of the 23 of Januar I recevitt, confessing that I am not able to requyt the smaliste of your bountanmerable ferres, notwithstanding your fauorable sensor you haue on the resums abouit be me for not comynge to Se thond this vinter, aledging I can ouer com yster dedeoltayis chaire I heve a mynd try: onlay I mynst ingenuisly confes that if thair be not a grter kair had of this armes intymis to com nor hes been hiderto, nather templist nor one thing elis vil leek us ane loinger in ignorans and nessessee. For this laist night sixe of the Lord Generallis soiers did stell a boit from the pier, and resalut to expols than schis to the nescry of the sies, (who ver after apprehendit in regard non of them could rive, who in this yester interdit for Scotland, and ar non sum of them to be hengit.

Thair is laitle sum prouision of meil com in, so that the General Major intons shortlay to the fieldis, and as the enem prouis I sal aqvent you: but be all spirans ve ar not able to staye out aboue eight dayis, in regard ve valit horses for carrieng our prouision. So loith to truble you, I rest

Your most obligit Servant.

Craigforis<sup>1</sup> the February 1643.



I intreit you present my hubble serues to youre Laday, and all the rest of yonder freindis.

For the Right Honorable

St George Sterling of Keire, Knight — Thos.

<sup>1</sup> General Dalyell had the command of the Garrison of Craigforis, and he was made prisoner by the rebels.



From Alexander first Earl of Leven. 17th August 1646.

240. Right Worshipfull—I receavett ane laiter whairin yow desyr ane delation of tym for the payng of these monynges: I shold be wiling to grant your desyr in what I could, bot in that paynt yow most exskusss mee in thatt, for that monynges is nather fre gift, nor ony part of my arrars, botit monynges delinst by me for the wss of the publct, which doone prais me, so at this present that I kan suffer no delay: whairfor I hop yow wil mak thankfyl payement, which shall be takin ass ane kowrtasie doon to—Your ascored friend

Newcastill. 17th of Awgust 1646.

For the Right W�shopfwll  
Sir Georg Stirlin off Keir—Thes.

*Letter*

The Honorable Lilias Napier, younger daughter of Archibald, first Lord Napier, to her brother-in-law, Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight.

241. Deare Brother—Tho I be glead of so frequant occasions, yet I am sorie they ar with such berirs, for if besins had not gon misirably hier, ther wold a bairn mor aches with thes honest men, who neu is ferst to leue ther own countr. I need say no more, since I know by them you will be informed perticulerly, nor haue I any estouement to wreath it, yet for your satisfaccion I shall account you what p'sis hierfor, and constantly shall be

Your most affectisnot sister and humble servant.

Sterling, 6th November [1646].

LILLIAS NAPIER<sup>1</sup>

I haue sent away the letter to Powrie. Margrat Graem presentes her humble seruis to you.

For my dear brother the Laird of Kier—Thess.

From Sir Archibald Stirling of Garden, afterwards Lord Garden. 7th June 1647.

242. R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> Cousing—Since yours by Jo. Smarts sonne at the Quens Ferrie, we heave not heird from you. Ricartoun and I did both wreath to you then, whilk I houpe did comyn to your hands, since till now we could heave noo occasions; the feulnes of the seas dooth mak the sumen bot to put forth.

<sup>1</sup> Her sister Margaret was married to Sir George Stirling in 1647. Lilias died unmarried after 1665.



Dear Brother

It is not safe to trust anyone, but I  
am sure they are not bad for them  
all as it is really best to tell a lie  
now and then and not to run about in  
the dark as others I had no time, and  
I hope they will be good people  
as here I am statement to make it best  
you remember I will never go to visit  
you again and instead will go to

I am your dear son  
John Smith  
and wife

John Smith  
and wife



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I was in the Keire about a fournight since: the wode is weill anioogh hand, and the daik in good anioogh order. James Rind has done noe thing as fit to the hous, nether intends to doe if he can shift it, bet we shall doe the best we can to mak him doe it. The tym that he should haue bein heir, the armie was lyng about Dumbleane whilk kept him from going: their was manie quartered wpon your lands, bet tok noe thing but their quarters, quhilk I h[ave] shal l[eave] about in your monthly mordinance: The sleater is to be at your helging in Stirling once this weik.

The reum that was in your oune hand in Lan-tiline is set to a very honest young man, the condicioneys you shall know heirafter. Alexander Livistoune has set the Over Keire to James Stirling, and the rest who wold haue taken it from you befor: if yea be pleased thairwith lett vs know, for we wold not assent thereto till first we haad from you. Other particulars I remit to Riccartouns, and my shelfe ever to be — Yours most affectionall Cousing and Servant,

Ochiltree, 7 June 1647.



For the ryght honorabill his loving cousing,

St George Stirling of Keire — Theas.

From James Earl, afterwards Marquis, of Montrose. 26th July 1647.

243. Mon Frere — I recame yours, and am very glaid of your wealefaire, being in some trouble on contrary conjectures, not hearing hitherto from yourself, or of the receat of the Queine and Princes letters, or from any other hand, concerning your being in these paixs, for Balloch spak nothing att all to me: as for your busynes ther, I am afraid you fynd it long, but iff matters stand with the King, as we ar maid to understand, or iff plus God ther goo wode with my self, any other wher, I hope you shall be noble to think upon your self, bet leaud me to doe it. As for that which you w[ill]l say about Lillies, I haue bein thinking, bot to no purpose, for ther ar neither Scotsman nor Woman welcom that way, nether wold any of honor and vertue (chiefly a woman,) suffer themselfis to lieue



in so leul and worthles a place: so you may satisfy that person, and diuert his thoughts absolutely from it.

Wishing you all happynes. I am,

Your faithfulest and affectionate Brother,

Neare Paris 26 July 1647.

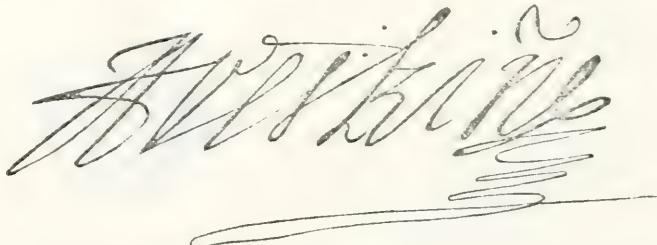
MONTROS.

For the right worshipfull Sir George Sterling of Keir  
En Hollande.

From John Lord Areskine, afterwards ninth Earl of Mar. December 16, 1647.

244. Noble Sir—I confess the letter I received from yow upon your servant's returne to Holland was so great a complement as I knowe not how to answere it so well as by silence. and yett I shall never doubt your respect to one that honours and esteemes yow as I doe.

I am still desirous to knowe your wellfaer—the best newes I can hear from thence: neithar haue I anie to send yow from this place, but that the Commissioners are gowing on with the late Lord Napier's forfaltur, and sueing hard to have that fine payed whiche I was surtie for him in at the Parliament of Perth: it is but a litle summe of 40,000 marks, wherof 11,000 pounds is assigned to tw<sup>e</sup> advocates for their service done the State. By this, Sir, yow will perceave that matters ar not much changed here since you went awaye: but lett thes things goe as theye will. I am unehangeable, Sir, your most faithfull Cosen and Servant.



Sterline, December 16, 1647.

The unfortunatt Marquess of Huntlie is taken: how the Commissioners will dispose of him God knowes.

For the right honorable Sir George Sterline of Keir.



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John Green

of greenings thus are very plentiful  
you didn't write. dear, in time to receive  
our cordially welcome, & best regards to you  
so soon you left, & of the great pleasure  
you give, and provide, & your  
wifing of us, have especially not been in your  
thoughts, & I hope nothing will be  
done, as far as you are concerned, to  
keep off long time. but I will  
not trouble you with the rest now  
as single hands of the people, & the  
Jesus & Mary, & the wife, they will be  
long you will receive, & I hope you

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John Frere



Sir John Crawford of Kilbirny, Knight, and Magdalene Carnegie his wife, to the Laird of Luss, Younger, requesting him to marry Margaret Baillie, heiress of Lechend. 12th May 1648.

245. Honorable and Dñe Sane — We have sent you the richest jewell belonging to us in this world, our dearest daughter Mistresse Margarett Baillie, heretrix of Lechend, quhoin we desyre you may espouse to be your dearest wyfe. Some things I have committed to the beir Claitane Waller Stirling, quilk I desyre you will obey to the full, as you ar about to honor God quhoin heis castis this precius jewell and richeste earthly blissing into youre hands: and as you ar about to honor and obey us the only instruments of all youre happiness in this particular greet blising, weare so sali you be blised of God, as we the father and mother do blisse you bothe with all the blessings that ever he misssured out to husband and wyfie upon earthe: quhilk sal be the continuall prayers to God of your most deirly loveing parents and servants to our death.

Edenburgh, the 12 of May 1648.

J. C. KILBIRNY.

M. CARNEGY.<sup>1</sup>

For the richt hon. the Laird of Lusse, Younger.

The Reverend Doctor George Wiseheart, afterwards Bishop of Edinburgh, to Mr. David Fowles, Minister at Hamburg, introducing Sir George Stirling of Keir.

HAGG. Jan. 11, 1649.

246. Dearest Brother — I am in so verie extreme hastis, that I can only say that, that this noble gentleman, Sir George Stirling of Keir, is not only a most honest man in the common cause, for which he hath suffered more then I can write, but also one of the men in the world, whom Almighty God hath raised up to be the greatest confort to me in these sad times of my being in thir fields. Wherefore I obtest yow,

<sup>1</sup> Magdalene Carnegie was second daughter of David Lord Carnegie, who succeeded his father, the first Earl of Southesk. Magdalene Carnegie was first married to Sir Gilian Baillie of Lechend, and their only child was the "heretrix" who sent the author of this letter. For relating the marriage of the young Laird of Luss, and Mrs. Margaret Baillie, with Mrs. Magdalene Carnegie, Mr. Archibald MacLachlan, minister of Luss, was consulted by the Presbytery of Dunbarton. [L. of M. MSS., vol. 1, p. 88.] The learned author of that very valuable history will be glad to know that he refers to his note on the same page, that this letter was written in the year 1648, and Sir Gilian Baillie, preceding the "impudent" Lord of Southesk, was the ancestor of the family of Carnegie, and by the son of the Presbytery styled the son "Laird of Luss," while the latter son was that he was the "Younger" of Luss. Margaret Baillie was only eleven years of age at her marriage. [Laws MSS., vol. 8, p. 89.]



per amores nostros, that yow wil quylkly gette your self acquainted with him, and then his own worthe wil recommend unto yow al respects and services that he shal demand, and much more: for I am confident that howbeit I am now the requester, yet yow shal give me thanks for opening this dore to your knoulege of such a personage.

*Fawne in the Lord y<sup>e</sup> G. wifheart.*

For Master David Fowles, Minister at Hamburg.

From John eighth Earl of Mar, to Sir George Stirling of Keir.

247. Honored and Loueing Cosen — Howbeit my heart is trulie grieved to paire societie with this worthie bearer Mr. Harie Guthrie, yet it joyes me somthing that he is sure of so good a freind before him as yow ar; his oune worthinesse and abilities yow knowe so weel alreadie, that anie recommendatione I shall need to mak of him to you is but this, that since he suffers for faithfulnes both to his conscience and the Croune, and hes, as your self knowes, beynge a dear freind to me and my house, I ame confidently assured he will find as much favour and kindnes from yow as yow can. For anie thing of that kindle either worthie Mr. W<sup>r</sup> Colvill or he shall receaue, I shall think my self as much obliged for it, as if it were reallie laid upon — Your faithful Cosen.

Alloway, March 6, 1650.

For my honored noble Cosen, The Laird of Keir.

*John d. yow*

From Archibald Marquis of Argyll,<sup>2</sup> 17th February 1651.

248. Loving Freind — I am informed, that notwithstanding of ane exemptione the Lard Glenegies had from the Parliament of all quarterings, both locall and transeint, that, as commissar of the parochin, yee quarter upon him both horse and foot: Therfor, as your freind, I thought fitt to advertise you hereof, and to desire yow, if ther bee any quartered on his land for the present, to remove them, and forbear in tyme coming to

<sup>1</sup> Sir George Stirling, to whom this letter was addressed, has indorsed it 'Leeroy' from which it may be inferred, that Mr. Harie Guthrie had either received a presentation to Leeroy, or wished to be the minister of that parish, in which Sir George Stirling was the principal noytor. Mr. Harie Guthrie was, for many years private chaplain to the Mar family. He was in rewards Bishop of Dunkeld. He left memoirs of the affairs of Scotland from the year 1647 to the death of Charles I.

<sup>2</sup> The address of this letter has not been preserved, but there can be little doubt that it was addressed to Sir George Stirling of Keir.



doe the lyk, least yee bee found a contemner of the Parliament's ordour, and so involve yourselfe in a greater inconvenience then yee are aware of.

I rest, your loving freind,

Perth, the 17th of February 1651.



Memorandum holograph of Sir George Stirling of Keir.

3rd September 1651.

249. When God brings yow well to Holand, yow shall call at Rotterdam for Jonet Maisertounes hows, which yow will fird according to the direction on the bake of my letter to hir: and doe in the matter of opening, airing, and sealing my goods ther, as is conteaneed in her letter.

From yow if shoe desire any money for the keiping my goods, yow shall gine it.

From Rotterdam yow shall repair to Delft, and ther inquire for Mr. Alexi Petrie, a Scots man, minister to the Inglish Cengregation: he lodges neir the Old Kirke, to whom yow shall gine my letter: and after yow haue spoken with him and inquired for my coffers and goods I left at my lodging at Delft, yow shall at his appointment gine the soume [of] threttie six guilders to one, and the soume of sixtene guilders to an other, being fyfie two guilders in all, and if he hes depurzel any thing for me since I left Holand, yow shall repay him, quilk I shall allowe at your retурne, yow producing his note of receat of what yow shall gine him.

Thir fyfie two guilders fumentioned, it is fyfie yow gine Mr. Petrie, and he will caus it to them shalde haue it.

My coffer I left at my lodging in Delft, yow haue heirwith the kye delinered: yow shall bring home that coffer and the goods are in it, and what goods of myne more are ther, yow shall make a kist or timber boxe, and put them in and bring home, particullarie an little shipe.

For ane great timber boxe belongs to G. M. Dalyell, yow will find ather at my lodging or Mr. Petries; yow shall bring it home also, and yow shall know it by a carte is wpon the lid of it, and written wpon with my owne hand.

For any other goods of myne are at Mr. Petrie's, yow shall desire they remaine ther till my nixt advertisement.

For a little timber shipe yow will find at my lodging in Delft, yow shall make ane timber boxe, and put it in, and bring it hem with yow.



From Alexander sixth Earl of Eglington.

250. Right Honorable and Noble Friend—I wrote formerly wnto yow, hearing that ye was at Edinburgh, to make knowne my desyre to yow, but I know not give my letter be cum to your hands, which makes me take this new occasione to desyre yow to remember of the trust yow hade of hir who is now with God, my bedfellow;<sup>1</sup> and to keep these two little coffers in your awne custody, or to put them in my Lord Callender's hands wntill I receave them: for my wyfle told me they wer sealed, and that if shee hade to doe with money yow would answer hir with it wpon them. The reasone of my wryting to yow is, wpon informatione that Waughtene and Innes has gottin notice that they are in your hands, and I knew yow wilbe dealt with for them; but I am confilent ye will not wrong me: for as I wrote formerly wnto yow, my wyfle has a discharge of hir children, of all they can crave, and therfor lefte all shee hade to me. So being confident that ye wilbe fairfull of your trust, I shall always remaine.

Your right assured friend to serve you.

Hull,<sup>2</sup> 29 December 1651.

For the Right Honorable Sir George Stirling of Keir—These.

The same to the same.

251. Right Honorable Sir—I have receaved your letter, wherin I find yow make sum questione concerning these boxes was intrusted to yow by my wyfle, and therfor would wish me to remitt it to friends, which truely I cannot doe, seeing it justly belongs to my selfe and no other, and therfor I should wrong my selfe to make a questione in it, wher ther is no just ground, and I doe much admire that ather Waughtone or Innes

<sup>1</sup> This alludes to the Earl's second Countess, Lady Margaret Scott, who 'departed this lyfe at Hull, in England, whilur her lord was prisoner, the 5th of October 1651. Her body was embalmed, and brought home by sea, and interred at Dalcathie, by her nephew, Francis Earle of Balclesche.' [Galfair's Annals iv. 352.]

<sup>2</sup> The Earl was then a prisoner at Hull. He was a captain of the King's Horse Guards, and while raising troops in the west for the King's service, in April 1651, he was surprised at Foulisby by a party of English horse, and sent prisoner, first to Hull, then to Berwick, where he remained in confinement till the Restoration. [Lamont's Diary.]



should claime any right to that which was left to me, seeing I was so instrumentall to agree my wyf and them and to get them satisfied. Therfor Sir I shall intreat yow to deliver these boxes to the Erle of Calander, and I shall be bound to vew for any damage y<sup>e</sup> can sustaine for the delivery of them, for the most part that is in the boxes is my owne, my wholl wytts being ther. Yow know that my wyf intended to bring these heir with her, if shee had not beene perswaded by your self and Sir Robert Drummond that they would be taken from her by the way, and w<sup>e</sup> in this sh<sup>e</sup>e intrusted them to yow, whom sh<sup>e</sup>e told me would advance her tare or f<sup>e</sup>ir hundred pieces vpon them whensoever sh<sup>e</sup>e stod in need of it. Wh<sup>e</sup>re Wm<sup>th</sup>ton or Lanes can justly claime, I shal be answerable to them for it, for I beleue if they remembred that my wyf has discharges of them back, they will not claime any thing. So expecting yow will perferre my desyre in deliuering of them to the Erle of Calander, as yow shall alwayes oblige me to remaine,

Your right assured friend to serve yow,

Hull, 9 Januar 1652.

EGINTOUN.

For the Right Honorable Sir George Stirling of Keir — These.

From James first Earl of Calander. 23rd January 1652.

252. Honored Sir — Having receavit some letters from the Earle of Egintoun, togidder with this inclosed to yow, quhich will show yow his desyre in relatione to these trunks yow have, formerlie belonging to his ladic; the quhich, if it please yow to intrust me with, I shall be readie to give tha<sup>t</sup> acco<sup>m</sup>pt both to yow and him according to the same, and to that end yow will be pleasit to returme me ane answier quairly I may give him ane acco<sup>m</sup>pt, iff your occasione doe not dryve you east to Edinburgh quhair now I am necessitat to ge.

I heir of your frequent writing which is to be at Stirling the nixt weik, quhairin yow will tak seriouslie to considerioun the losses and great sufferings of thir paroches; not doubting of the same as I shall be readie to witnes that I am

Your humble servand.

Falkirk, 23 January 1652.

*Calander*

For the much honored Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight — These



Lady Jeane Hay, Countess of Mar, to the Lairds of Keir and Riccartoun.  
9th March 1652.

253. Honorable and loyning Cousings—Ye will know by this borer letter than I can wreat, reasoun why my sonne has delayed his coming south, so soone as we desired, and therfor, if your busynes could permit yow to come heir, I shalld be extremly glad to see you both, how soone possibly ye could, that it may be resolved upon what course shall be taken, which I feare be alreadie too long adloing: and if ye think it melt that any other be advertised, let me know it, and I shall stryue to haue their heir, that I can get moved to come, any day that yow shall appoint: I send you this letter, that ye may stryue to see what can be done to pacifie Skongall, till some thing can be gotten done with Seaforth's friends, for I beleive non of yow will think it fit that my sonne come away, and leaue it now, for then ther should be no hope that they should doe any good, and I feare loussever it shall be too long acoming. For anything that shall be thought fit by yow two to be done, my sonne will give way to it, as if he wer heir Lim's life. In the meantyme, ye will wreat to him your aduise, for after he is come from Ross, if it be expedient, he may melt at any convenient place, if he be vnwilling to come heir.

I wish ye would remembur what I spoke concerning the coall, nor that which is disponed to Mr. James and John Keirie: if ye be to come shortly heir, ye need not to wreat anything of that concerning the coall to me, otherways it would be speidly thought upon for preventing further inconveniences.

Generall Major Deanes is not yet come to Stirling: when he does, I shall, if God will, see him ther. I haire ther is [one of] the sequestrators come to Palmer's againe, and is taking up the inviter of goods, and stryueing to know what the laud payes, and all to be furth coming to them. We need not to feare them since my Lord is very free [of] all this inclemencies. It is impossible for me to give [an] answerable returne for your kyndneses and great playnes], nor heir shall I say any mor, but that I am for ever oblidged to entitew, as I am

Your most affectionat and [faith]full freind.

Alloway, 9th March 1652

For the Right honorable the Laird of Keir and the Laird of Riccartoun



From John Stewart, Younger of Blackhall, 28th May 1652.

254. Honour'd Brother — Having the deuisione of am beare, I cannot comitt to lett yow knowe your frindis heir or all well, only my father is vnder the goute, and is much affrayed he be trubled by that Dutchman; by Mr. Archibald Flemings information, trye what yow can of it, and lett me know it. Its lyke I shew you alvysse, for our shreyden most of them ar takin go course for ther owne peace with the Ingles in a private way, and will not be scorne in a publick, quilk will houche thes who meane honestlye. Lett me have your alvysse what yow thinke fyrings for me to doe in this case, for eschewing of hazard, which is earnestlye desyred by

Your affectioned brother,

J. S. BLACKHALL. Y.

From Ard gowan, the 28 May 1652.  
For my honored brother, the Laird off Kinc.

From John third Earl of Wigwane, 19th June 1654.

255. Ryeht Honorable — Thir saddle tynges makes many men troublesome to their frindis, and for my awn parte, I think the Lord it lies not beene much my ordinar, but the confidence I haue of your kyndnes, and my awn reall intentioun to wrong yow, nor any vther, makes me the mo re familiar with yow. I am dew 5000 markes to a friend in Edinburgh by bonds, quhairin my uncle Calender and Sir David Murray were cautioners for my father and me, and now because of my uncle's present remotion, and of the decess of the vther partie, desyres new security, and will not take infinitment of land from me, but vrges cautione. If therefore yow will be pleased to len your hande as a friend with me in a bond, for the said summe, I shall take it as a favour, and shall haue no land nor goir before yow suffer for me, and if yow have to doe, shall not be wanting to yow for the lyke, or quhairin else I can doe yow pleasure or servie you shall ever fynde me.

Your most affectionat Cussin and servant,

Cunnernall, June 19. 1654.



Pardon this my freadome, for you haue absolute power of me to doe yow and yours service. Our goodwyf presents her reall serwice to you.

For the Ryght Honorable Sir Georg Stirling of Keire—These

From John sixth Earl of Cassillis.

Castle Kenneley, 28 Apryll 1656.

256. Sir—Youre civille missive deserves a verie civill ansuere. I am loath to be particuler in wryte of this kynd, becaus it hes beine made wryte of be some in law, but I have desyred young Faillie<sup>1</sup> to speake with yow vpon the particuler, having before beine with yow vpon it, and mentioned in your letter. If he be not in Edinburgh preceisely at the terme, he hes promised to be there before the first of Junii, which is but a verie few dayes after. I hope yow will fnde him so discrete and rationall, as no more shall ned to be exprest heire by

Your friend and servand,

*Cassillis.*

For Sir George Stirling of Keire.

William ninth Earl of Glencairn, afterwards Lord Justice-General and Lord Chancellor, to Sir Archibald Stirling of Garden.

1st December [c. 1656.]

257. Sir—Haing obtained six months libertie, and being to imploy mor eatoners then I had befor, I haue presumed upon your civill offer to me to name you to the Generall. The rest are the Lord Borthwick, Kilsyth, Sir James Hamilton of Orkiston, and my brother Creich<sup>2</sup>; the sounce is much thousand lib. sterlind for I most haue the honour to be double anie other, but I must not contene. Only, Sir, I hop yee will not feare I can be capable of so base ane act as to mak you or anie suffer for your kindness to me, which indeed is the greatest can be done unto me. Therfor my humble desyr is, that yee will

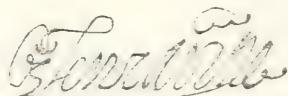
<sup>1</sup> This probably refers to William of Lifford, sometimes called Fad, i.e. the parish of Tarbolton, Ayrshire.

<sup>2</sup> David Betoun of Creich, married Lady Margaret Cunningham, sister of the Earl.



be at the pains to come heir and subscryve befor Captain Clifton upon Fryday nixt or Satturday, for the band is now in Fyfe at Creich: Borthuik and Kilsyth has sub scryvd it heir, and I expect Sir Jam's Hamilton to morrow. So, Sir, since it is so great a favour to me as to bring me forth of a long sufferance, I sall not doubt but yee will bestow the pains of coming heir in b:halfe of him who sall while he breaths contenoue.

Sir, your most humble servant.



For the Right Worshipfull Sir Ard. Sterling of Carden.

From James second Marquis of Montrose.

Muglocke, June the 4th [1658].

258. Much Honored Sir—I doubt not bot that your cousin Sir Mungo Stirling hath shounen yow, that at my meeting with Polmaise about some differences of marches between our tenents, I made choise of yow and him for taking inspection in the busines. I had assurance from him to embrace the trouble, and I did also assure my selfe yow would not deny me that freindship and fencour: and now, Polmaise being desirous to hawe the busines submitted, I thought I could not pitch on fitter persons to referre my interest to; wherfor I shall entreat yow wilbe pleased to accept of the submission, and with yur conuenience will condescend to meet upon it, and in so doing yow shall werie much oblige.

Honored Sir, your most affectionat cousin and seruant.

MONTROSE.

Sir—Yow will heerwith receive the subission, and I desire yow wilbe to meet on Monday nixt with Polmaise, for accepting of the same.

For the much honored Sir George Stirling of Keare.

From John third Earl of Wigtoun.

259. Ryght Honorable—It hath pleased God to call my wif<sup>1</sup> from this mortall lyfe to his eternall rest; whose corpes we purpose, God willing, to interre at our buriall

<sup>1</sup> Lady Jane Drummond, eldest daughter of John second Earl of Perth, is the Lady here referred to.



place in Bigger vpon Thursley the penult of this instant: My most earnest desyre therefore is, that yee will be pleased to come to Bigger the fairsaid day be ten o' clock in the morning, and to doe her that last honur as to convey her corpes to our buriall place theire, which shall be taken as ane singular favour conferred vpon

Sir, your most affectionatt cousing and servant.

Cumernald, December 18. 1658.

W. TOTNE

For the Right Honorable Sir Georg Stirling of Keire — Thos.

From Sir Archibald Stirling, Lord Garden.

Edinburgh, 24 May 1661.

260. Ryght Honorable and loving Cousin — Yester day and this day the Parliament has beene close, from morning till evening, about my Lord Argallis processe, and now has pronounced the sentence of mortuare against him, and has ordeneed him to be beheaded vpon Monday, and his head to be put up wher Montros's wes. He received his sentence with resolutione anough, and is not lyk to acknowledge maner guile altho it be found otherwise. Yester day, in the verie tym when his advocates wer debating against the depositions of the witness's, their cam ane expresse from London, who brought six letters of his whilk he had wreath to the Inglysh whilste they commanded him so: one wherof wer to Major Generall Deane, sum to General Monk, and one to Mr. Clark, Monks secretarie, whilk gave maner cleirnes to the Parliament as to the points whilk in the meiu tym wer a debating: for somm thing theirof was searslie cleir prore till then, whilk wes his joyning in couns: with them: their be other gross things in them.

Since my Lord Chancellor went vp, the condicione of affars heire ar other ways represented to his Majestie then formerlie they have beine: some things that heave beene wreath from above to the commiss'ner, the King discouer them, and the secretarie refuseth the wreath their f: whilk is lyk to mak somm busines: the letters are to be produced.

The Parliament of Inglynd has caused burne the Leauge and Covenant by the hand of the haungman. The King's mariage is verie lyk to mak war with Spaine: the mariage is approune by the Parliaments of both kingdums. The Parliament has sitt so close this fournight t: I heave gott noe thing done in your busines with Sir John Gilmure, onlie he has takin assurance wnder Mr. Canelius Ensle's hand, that he shall



stand to his determinatione. So soone as ancke more is done in it, it shall be made knowne to you by

Your verie affectioned Cousing and faulfull servant.

S. AND. STIRLING.

Waristeune, Will. Dundas, and Jo. Hoome of Kello ar forfaltred also, and lyk the next week ye will heir of more.

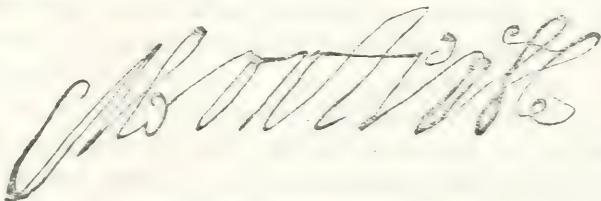
For the ryght honorabill his loving Cousing, the Laird of Keir — Thes.

From James second Marquis of Montrose.

261. Sir — Wnderstanding my Lord Carden is to be with you att the Keir, I have wrift to him to indevor a satlement betwaixt you and Braco, quibilk I doubt not bot you will be verie desyrous to have done: and I shall intreat, that because of Braco his present condicione, you will be pleased to shew him all the reverre you can, and quhat soume shall be condishended upon, so soone as I com to Edinbrugh, quibilk will be shortlie, securerie shall be granted for the same att my Lord Carden's sight, and this is all at present from

Your affectioned Cousing and Servant.

Mugdeck, 22 October  
1662.



For the much honored Sir George Stirling of Keir — Thes.

Walter Sterling of Ballagan to George Stirling of Glorat.

Balagan, 19 Jull 1662.

262. Sir — Yours of the 24 of Junii com to my handis wpon the 15 of this: for the which, Sir, I render you many Lordis thankis for your vnumerable and expressiounes quibilk, Sir, in one word, I shall but ansher with silence. I haue heretofore giffid of your recoufrey, quibilk I prey God to continue. I request you, Sir, to keape the speciall care of your self, and keipe ancke gud dyat, and when yea ar convolled that you doe



wentor to travell. I wald requeist yow to heast hem, for now I hoipe yow leue gotten your herts desyr in your travellis; so that I wald not adwyee yow to follow them furder, bot that yow wald com hem and settell your self, and east your fancie wpon som handsona creter, other in Ingland or at hom; bot gif yea doe in Ingland, I requeist yow not to be to ressh, for they ar very kitill, or as yea ons to say wher yea ar, ticklish: for albeit yea git an guid woman quilkis com from that place wher yea ar, yea mest not think they ar all alyk, neither mest yea think to be assured to get on ther so guid as the last. So I wald adyyee yow to be cairfull in your chous and wyss, altho now yea heave the wold of your marriag in your own hand to dispos of your self wher yea list again. And again let me requeist yow, (as yea ar wys.) to be exceeding wary and wys in your chous, for yea know it is one continuall feist, and gif wther wayes, yea know are cominvall droping. To pas complements with yow, I shall seis benesson, yea know, Sir, I am not good of them, bot the treuch is I am for substance, and not for she low, and gif yea heave aye with aue, I hoipe yea shall find it so to the out most of my pouer. Your fether and mother-in-law I heave left very weill thus morning: and for your young daochter, ther is no chyld in the wordill I am mor be holdin to for her issue and kyndnes then I am to hir. She beginnes weill, I hoipe sho shall preve one confort to yow, for of all the merye wanton thinjis that ever I mett with, sho is the first and the suitest face. In a word, all your friends is in health. I heave not as yett met with Law, bot as shon as I meit with him, I shall not be forgetfull to remember yow to him. So again I most press it mor wpon yow, and request yow, so shen vs feld, gif yow strength, that yow wald heast home. And now, Sir, I craiff pardon for being so frey with yow, bot I hoipe yea will tak it from him, whom yea shall be assured from my heart, that wishis yow weill, and the standing of your femelie out of your own loynes. And hearing nothing elis to id, bot shall still remember yow in my preyers, and wisls yow all heith and happynes, and a saf return: I teak live and restis

Your faithfull and assured servand and cussing till I breath.

W. STERLING.

For his much honred Cussing, Georg Sterling of Glorat, to be fund at the Syn of the Tuo Shucker Loffes, Saint Merting's Lane, London.

George Sterling to his Father Sir Mungo Sterling of Glorat, 15th October 1662.

263. Sir—Knowing that all officers in Scotland, whether in civill or militarie employmant before they enter to the exercise of there respective offices, are to renounce the



nationall and solemane league and covenant, (both which yow have taken), by subserveyng a declaration which is to be tendered to them at the said tyme: and being informed that yow are nominate to be one of the Justices of Peace in Stirlingshire, and fearing that by accepting of the office yow might be drawne to signe the said declaration, (whiche yow cannot refuse without great offence to the state): I doe most humblie beseech yow to endeavour that yow may be excused from accepting of that office: I doe not much feare any wther, and I hope yow are not as yet engag'd in that, and so the aduyce which I send yow (with the bener), which is a casuist resolvynge the grand case of conscience of this tyme, will come sensable to yow: I desire yow will read it and ponder it seriously: Sir, thir ar searching tynes for Christianes who are of tender conscience: yow have not as yet beine activelie exag'd, and I am glade of it, I pray yow, Sir, resolve now to quyte all publicke employmēt, (whiche yow have never beine a gainer, but a great loser, and live at home, serve God, and love your neighbours. If it please God to bring me to yow this shall be my practise for the short tyme I live in the world. Yow have seyn much of its vanitie, and so have I for the short tyme I have beine in it: therefore let us seeke after the durable riches which lasts to eternitie. I resolved to writh upon no other subject at this tyme, referrynge wther bussines to the collinarie p'st. Sir, as I am concerned in all your good, so in all your evill: take this aduyce from him whom you know prayes to God to preserve and direct yow in all things, and is and shall be

Sir, Your obdient sonne and servant to death.

London, 15th October 1662.

GEO. STIRLING.

Sir — If your minister at this tyme be a sufferer upon the poynt of tender conscience, doe not yow adde to his suffering, but rather comfort him. If he be removed by the present authoritie from exercising his office in the ministracie, be active in your place to provyde a good one, and rather one indifferent, if not of a scandalous behavour, before Mr. A: D: who perhaps will pleade to be resesest upon the poynt of loyaltie and wnyowfulness of his deposition: but yow [know] that was made up afterwards by his publicke submission in the face of the congregacion, and I doubt not but he has done many things which may render him incapable of the ministracie since his deposition.

For Sir Mongo Stirling of Glorrett.



From George fourth Earl of Winton, to Sir George Stirling of Keir.

264. Much Honoured Sir — I cannot deny the civilities which I have mett with from you in reference to that debt my Grandfather was engaged into, as one of the customers of Sir George Hamilton, and especially I must thankfully acknowledge your forbearance of the principal sum all this time; yet, Sir, in respect I am but a cattiner, and am verie much distressed for other enterprizes for that house of Abercorn, and in regard of my verie great necessities wherewithal also, I must intreat the continuall of your favour for suspending the seeking your principall sum a littl. time, which I have the more freedom to desire, since I hope you have your annual rent open in the year thankfully payed; and because I have written to Sir George Hamilton, the principall debtor, to take some course for your payment and my release; whose condition I hear is such, as I am in good hopes that my desire may be satisfied. I shall at this time trouble yow no further, confidently expecting the continuall of that favour I have enjoyed these yeras past, which shall putt a new obligation vpon.

Sir, your verie thankfull friend and servant.

Edinburgh, 30 January 1664.



For the much honoured, the Laird of Keir — These.

The same to the same.

Edinburgh, 5th March 1664.

265. Honoured Sir — As you by your second letter vrge your former desire for providing the principall sum I am in debt in for Sir George Hamilton, so I must still presse your forbearance, my own affaers at this time disabling me to doe it. The qualitie of my oblegement being but a cattiner, and the small hopes of my release, which now I perceive by Sir George Hamilton's returne to me, are not I acknowledge, legally relevant defences to discharge the debt; yet these, and the other burdens I am into for that familie being evidences of my sufferings, I hope they may and shall with yow prove arguments for your more tender dealing and forbearance this terme, which



favour I doe acknowledge I have had at your hands, and must yett expect you will continue the same courisie for some time unto

Sir, your affectionatt friend and humble servant.

WINTOUN.

For the much honoured the Laird of Keir — These.

The same to the same.

Edinburgh, the 24th August 1664.

266. Honoured Sir — I thought to have seen yow before you had gone off town at your own lodgging, being informed that yow were so unwell, that you keepe your chamber, otherwayes I wold now haue bene so vailill as to haue been so long in sending yow a returne. Yow shew me the pressing necessities yow are redacted to for that money I owe yow, which I believe to be real, having experiance of the like my self; but I am exceeding sorie that I cannot promise at this term of Martimes to satisfie your desire, having a part of the weisott of Carlaurie to pay at that same termes, (the most part of it being consigned at Whitsunday, which ing ~~gave~~ me to keep Martimes precisely). If I had not bene vnyexpectable forced to pay 5000 lib. to Mr. J. Blair, as a part of a greater sum that I was deoerner to pay to him as cauillier for the Earl of Marshall, and to borrow 1000 marks to pay the Laird of Gilbrat in his distresse, (both which my Lord Cardon knows well) I think I should have been able to have given you satisfaction; but now the cause of my affaires is such that I profess I dare not promise to do any thing toward your satisfaction, but on the contrarie must be yett againe an earnest swore for your patience and forbearance at this term also. I have so much experianced your civillites and kyndnes that in respect of my present necessitie I must still presume upon your old favours, and remaine confident of the contingance of them at this time unto

Your affectionat and obiged friend and servant.

WINTOUN.

For the much honoured the Laird of Keir — These.

From Archibald ninth Earl of Argyll. (deceased 30th June 1685).

267. Sir — I did represent yours very earnestly to McClane of Dowart, who was here in the meane tyme when I receyved it. He tolde me he had one other frond yow to the same purpose, and his friends of that country as he could get those persons sent for, he wold examine them, and use all deale care to try if they ver the thiftes that hee stoele your tenements goodes or not, and wold acquaint me therewith: see that till I



hear from him I can say nee mor, but that I assure yow ther is nothing in my power to doe for yow, but I will very willingly aproove myselfe to be

Your affectionat friend and servant,

Invereray, 19 Sber 1664.

For Sir George Stirling of Keir.

A. Stirling

From Alexander Earl of Glencairn, to the Laird of Garden.

Badindaloch, 26th November. [c. 1665.]

268. Sir—I find by yours that you hav bein misinformed anent your tenents being imprisoned for conventickles: I will asur you ther is non off them incurssirat as yet, for they ar only charged with heresie, and the caption will not go out against them befor I go to Edinburghe which is to be the next week, wher, if you ar to be about that tym, I shall be glad to heire what you have to say for your tenents, who ar I will asur you most constant transgrosers off the law as to conventickles, and other disorders of that nature, which is all fran

Sir, your most humble servant,

For the Laird off Carden.

GLENCAIRNE.<sup>1</sup>

From Sir Archibald Stirling (Lord Garden). 1665.

269. Richt Honorable and loving Cousing—

Polmease is home this day with a dessigne to heave commissioners of the shyer for the Parliament elected wpon Tuesday, whilk dyet will be impossible for me to keip, for I am commanded to be in Edinburgh againe wpon Monday, being wpon a Committee (whairof I send you heirwith a list) that is appointed by ane expresse ordour from the King to condiscend wpon the persons who ar to be ecited to the Parliament to mak wpon their chairge against them, and to heave witnesses in readines against the down sitting of the Parliament. I shall thairfor, Sir, onlie tell you that this forenoon, heving occasione to be with the Lord Chanceller, he was verie earnest with me that I wold endeavour to persuad my relations in the shyer to be for Kilsyth to heave him commisioner with Polmeas, and indeed he was so free with me as to desyer that I wold deall

<sup>1</sup> From a comparison of signatures, this appears to be Alexander Earl of Glencairn, who succeeded his father the Chancellor, in 1664, and died in 1670.



with Touch to lay himselfe asyd, and g ave me assurance that if he so did, he wold befeind him in his busines to the wrost of his power, whilk indeed will be more misyd to Touch then anie thing he can procure by his vane caridge in Parliament. I heave therfor wreath my advice to him, and also desyres, Sir, that you will give him yours, not onlie to lay him selfe asyd, but also to vote for the other, and that you wold be pleased also yoursselfe, and onie other yea house power with, to doe the lyk, and I shall find the way to mak it come to the Chouster's ears, who indeed will not be wmyndfull of it.

The Marquis of Montrose cam to Edinburgh yesternight, who assured me that wpon the receit of the letter I told you not long agone I wrote him, hee got assurance from the Lord Seeretarye, of the Shirray Clerk's office to Da. More, whilk David may be verie confident of, and yea that in what I can I ever shall be

Yours verie affectioned Cousing and faithfull Servant.

S. ARCH<sup>DE</sup> STIRLING.

Ochiltree [1665.]

From Mr. R. Muschet. Minister of Larbert.

270. Right Honorable Sir — In the midle of that heavy afflictione that the Lord hath measured out to me throng my brother's murther, I am much comforted by the sympathie of his relationes with my greife, and the counsel and assistance, in reference to my behaviour, and particulerlie that my Laird Garden and your Honour should be pleased to owne me or his childding, who have the honour to be your kinsfolk and serwants: Sir, I should be unmeawall and unworthie to be descended of your Honour's familie, and the familie I proceeded from, if I should neglect to prosecute that John Mitchell, who by verie many convincing presumpcions, committed that fact, so far as I am informed or can learne, as far as the law doth allow; whereinto I hope your Honour nor others of discretione will condem me: and in relatione to my behaviour towards his wif and childding, I hope your Honour hath never heard that I was untractable to freinds, of whom I will esteem your Honour a chifforone, and by your Honour's aduyce and other freinds whom I cannot altegither neglect, I purpose to walk with that moderatione that it becomes a Cristian and a minister, and in all to behaue myselfe with that duefull respect to your Honour, or any ye plead for, because I am.

Sir, your Honour's much afflicted, yet still most humble servant.

Mr. R. MUSCHET.

Larber, 17th May 1665.

For the right Honourabill the Laird of Keir — These.



From John ninth Earl of Mar.

271. Sir — I received your tairet letter, whiche I wishe hadde also miscaried with the first whiche I never sawe, neither the Laird of Innes brother, theghe yow saye yow know it came to my hands: believe it, Sir, if it had done so, I should not haue denied it, for I am not good at that.

As to the particular, Cosen, I shall crawe leue to spare saying any more of it now, till I see you in the scuttle, where I intend to be in June at furthest.

This moche only, Sir, I cannot but be verie confident that yow, being so neere a friend, will shew me as muche kindness as my other creditors haue done, whiche ar nothing so neere to me, neither in anywayes neere so able to doe me a curtesie as your selfe, and in expectatione hereof, Sir, I shall speak with yow at Edinburgh, and continuall

Your affectionat Cosen and Servant.

Kildrummy, Maii 3 1666

*Wm*

For my muche honored Cosen.

Sir George Sterlin of Keir.

From Robert Leighton, Bishop of Dunblane.

272. Honourd Sir — Yow know well how painfull and vnsuall a thing it is to me to dispute these matters either by word or writ. I haue wholly intrusted the clerk with that busynesse, and mett limited him to any sume. If yow make it appear to him reasonable that yow give nothing nothing bee it: whatsover is my meannesse of estate, and the ability God haue blessed yow with, I am far from the meannesse of mind to plentif that; but if the clerk inform yow that others haue given some acknowledgement for the very like busynesse, and that though no new advantage increases to yow (for that is not vsuall in any leases), but onely the continuall of the ease yow haue, and seuring yow from being servid higher for so many years: if vpon this yeer be pleased to give him any thing, it will help to discharge some litle charities that I haue left vpon him to doe for me, but if that please yow not, whatsover yow doe shall not displease Sir, your very affectionate and humble servant.

EE March 20.

For the right wryt

Sir George Sterlin of Keir

*Leighton.*



From the Earl of Callander and Others. [Circa 1670.]

273. Sir — There is a gentleman of very good qualitie, presently in suite of Mistres Isobell Nicolson, Carnock's awnt, and ye being one of her curators, before we com to a meitng of her freinds with his, we thought fitt to acquaint yow therwith, as a persone who, we doubt not, hat will witness blamable affection and expession of trew kyndnes toward her as many of her freinds, and herte informed that ye are to be heir against the twintie nynt of this instant, we have delayed the trust till that tyme: but if your affaires can allow yow to come soone, it will be taken as a favour done to the gentleman and to ws. who are,

Sir, your humbell servants,

CALANDER.

JO. NICOLSON.

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For Sir John Stirling off Keir.

From James first Earl of Callander.

Edinburgh August the 5th 1672.

274. Much Honored Nephew — Seeing I am not able to give that attencion at the Comishoners entering in to the shyre as becomes my place and dñe, ye will joyne with the Earlle of Wigton and Generell Major Montgomerie in making my excusse, as I doubt not the most part of the rest of the curators will be assissting therin, and meeting of his Grace beyond the bridge of Stirling, at his arrie to the shyre. This trouble proceeding from the confidence I have had of your former favores to

Much honored nephew, your affectionat uncle and humble servant.

Let this present my service to your Lady.

CALANDER.<sup>1</sup>

For Sir John Stirling of Keire — Thes.

From George Stirling, Chirurg on.

Edinburgh, August 21, 1673.

275. Rycht Honorable — I wreat yesterday all I had to say, onlie this day is this news, wherof the news letter giveth but an unfaulst account: which is, Monday, the

<sup>1</sup> The Earl was made in law to Sir J. Stirling, who was married to Lady Margaret Livingstone, niece of the Earl.



Fleets ingedged in the morning a sharp conflict, the Inglish hauing wind which immedietelie changed, so that a whole squad surroundit Sir Edward Sprag who was in the Royall Prince, and so batterred their ship that he was forced to take their boat shor, being ready to sink; by a shot their boat was suenk and he and all with him lost, one other Captaine killed, and Captain Hay lost his leg. The Royall Prince disriged. This continued whilie night, and in the dark the Dutch retired hauing a ship or two sunk, and five or six brunt. The Prince resolved to fit the rigging of his ship which coast Tewsdny all day to fit him, and upon Wednesday went in search of the Dutch. This accempt is given to the King by our Sir John Littlebourn, who was sent off with an East India Dutch ship that mistook the Inglish flott for ther own, valued to 100,000 lib. sterlind; but as yet the Prince hath wreft no accempt to the King. I hear not the Victorie men mention of, which is the ship your uncle is in. Some privat letters say the French squad did little or nothing. The inclosed ar from your bretherine who wreft nothing this post to.

Ryght Honnerabill, your Honours humble servant.

For the Ryght Honnerabill, The Laird of Keir.

GEO. STIRLING.

From Alexander second Earl of Linlithgow.

Medi pe. 2 September 1673.

276. Sir — The day that we appointed to set forth to wait upon my Lord Commissioner does just correspond with his diett, so that if yow will be pleased to com here vpon Munday the 13 instant, the 14 we may go to Edinburgh, and the 15 set forward on our yoadge. I will assure you it will be well taken. I was of the opinion at last meeting that yonge Tuche wold do well to come alongst with yow for the resons I told you then. I desyre yow will let me have your resolution by this bearer. This is all I shall say untill meting but that I am

Your affectionat brother and servant.



I desyre thes may present my service to my sister.

For Sir Jhone Sterling of Kier — Thess



From Alexander Livingston, Lord Almonk, and second Earl of Cumberfor<sup>est</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Son of Alexander, second Earl of Bellthgow. 13<sup>th</sup> March 1674.

277. Much Honored Sir — It hath shes of Almonkis Chalfeall my wch's the Earle of Callender out of the Lpys whch we intend to intare upon the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Aprill of this instant. Those are them whch Ie long now to have in the fayrest as it le whch to my best deere, in accompanayng w<sup>th</sup> his awys from his houes of Cumberfor to his houes of Falkirk, be ten of clock in the mornynge. This will be a fayre almonke whch is.

Much honored Sir, your verie Loyal servt.

ED: the 16 of March 1674.

From George, Stirling, Chirurgeon.

Edin: August 17<sup>th</sup> 1674

278. Ryght Honorable — That y<sup>r</sup> heith and stomach is recovered is good news to me. The auctorite of my wif's heith is such that Ie can latte her this week in regard her breast is bauld s<sup>t</sup> that if you'll never send me a ltrs at your retent from Calder I hope to visit me my w<sup>th</sup>. Our newes here is that the Bisc<sup>h</sup> of St. Andrews and Seaforth arrived yester night whch Ie spole to you all at H<sup>t</sup> L. Island, and to m<sup>r</sup> Almonk over land, but becaus they are straighn I have not no shre of their newes. In that instant the Frenches putt their Savieshee<sup>th</sup> besyd the generall los of the armie, we have losed seven Scots Captains in that battallion of Douglas regement that was with D<sup>r</sup> Turcane, viz: Douglas, Hay, Lambe, K<sup>r</sup>ol, Bocklay, Catherine and Latness, your brothers Captaines. Whither George and Alexander was with him I cannot yet heare, but this list I sent in a letter wrichten from the camp in Sr. Willm<sup>th</sup> Sharp's chalder, shew which Marshall de Cailprie h<sup>r</sup>s armie of 12,000 men was to alle cut off, and almos<sup>t</sup> either kiled or taken by the Duke of Lenning<sup>th</sup> w<sup>th</sup> who was assaiging the citie of Treves. The Marshall had 2000 of his men, in the mornynge he had some other battallions of the Scots regement (the Duke call<sup>th</sup> on him and outstid all). This is confirmed by those p<sup>rs</sup>s, and it is now sayd Treves is taken. Last week ther was an



uproar in London occasioned by the weavers: its reported som person had found out an ingain by which one man will perform more work in on day then ten will doe in the ordinarye: this so admied that honest tread that they in a tumultuous manner pult downe the houses of thes that had the ingains, and brok them all they fould, which cau to that hight that the king cam to the citie in heast, and call all his Gaids and tramps, and ishewid a proclamatione commanding them to ther houses, under paine of rebellione. Som saych it quensland, and other nott. Show Gaird Sir William Sharpe is displeasd he hath not yet receaved his manie: he shews me its 50 lb. Sterl. The rebellione in Br-ritaine is not yet complesst. This is all from,

Ryght Honorable, your honours humble servant.

[GEO. STIRLING.<sup>1</sup>]

For the Ry<sup>t</sup> Honn<sup>ble</sup> the Laird of Keire — Thos.

From Mr. Walter Stirling, Minister of Baldernoch.

Baldernoch, October 8, 1675.

279. Ryght Honorable — Notwithstanding that at my returne hem upon Tursday I found my eldest dawghter dangerously sick, and wpon Wednesdays morning my wif<sup>fe</sup> into a most violent disteiner of h[er] ley, which I now find to be a relaps into her former spotted fever, wherof shee is now verey dangerously sick. I went to Rosdo, wher I fownd the Laird of Buchannan, (a most passionet Lover,) the second time in play, (and for aney thing I can lern it is not leik to prove erneste with both, and so much the les of my coming thereto). I consulted my father how to carie in the disclosyng of that trust, who was unwilling that I should speake to the young Ledic first, though

<sup>1</sup> It was probably this George Stirling who is mentioned by Wedrow, as the 'pleasant young gentle-man,' who, after the execution of Mr. James Guthrie, came 'in the p[er]fume that the ladies a[re] used to,' and poured out a bottle of rich ointment on the body, which filled the whole church with a noble perfume. 'One of the ladyes says,' Guthrie's p[er]fume, 'Sir, for this labour of love which you have shewen to the slain body of a servant of Jesus Christ.' He, without speaking to any, giving them a kiss, removed, & 'leaving to be discovered.' It was knowne after, that that person was George Stirling, late chirurgeon to 'Edinbarugh.' [Analecta, vol. i. p. 100.] In the life of Mr. James Guthrie, this incident is again alluded to — 'When Mr. Guthrie's body was dressed, there was a certaine Christian friend come in with a box of fragrant ointment (I suppose the person was George Stirling the chirurgeon), and broke it opene Mr. Guthrie's body, and wchch caused a most fragrant smell.' [Hist. of the Kirk, p. 104.] Nisbet says, that 'George Stirling chirurgeon in Edinbarugh,' (I probably the same as the writer in the Analecta,) 'was descended of the family of Cadder, and durst, at least, at a leas, be called, a true, honest, honest a ross in all of guid, and a trap in [a chirurgical instrument] in base, proesse, these buckles, or crest, a dexter hande pointing a lameit, proper. Moneit: By wchch I cure.' [Vol. i. 492.]



opportunitay then offered (as it did not, shew was so well attatched, bot to her father, which I did. He was exceeding sorey that I had not com five or six dayes sooner, before Buchanan made his second adres, bot in short, Sir, I feind that if your Honor wil be pleased with the portion, he can give, the costs wil be shortly cleared, and if not, I feind their is probabilitay that Buchanan will gain his point. The greatest henth that I could drive Luss to, was sixtie thousand pound Scots, though I presumed to say that it could not be expected that ye wold tak les than fiftynoy, but my father can fullie satisfie your Honuer in this, yet I am content, ye concoll my letter as to this, for I was desaired to hould at ane thowznd pound Sterling or thirty thousand markes. The reson whey I was not permitted to make known your Honours suit to the young heire and his mother, was lest it shold allongther heave hamek up Buchanan's busines, (none of them being cordial for it), which was not desaired til your Honours further pleasour was known, and if I should be blaimed for not doing of it, I must say my commissioun did not reatch so farr, for her heire told me that your Honuer said that if Buchanan was in the play, ye wold not meddle in it. So, Sir, if ye and my father accord, I doubt nothing, bot Buchanan wil be permitted to go his jurney to the antipodes, which he says (as I am informed) shal not termynat it. Sir, iff the portion be satisfying, I doubt nothing but the person and honuer will, and I hope to god hamek it may prove a very comfortable match to your Honuer. If I have committed any innomateyn in this, I hope your Honuer will impone it not to my intention, but rather to my simplisity, and if ye heave aney further commands for me in this, or aney thing els, you shal ever find me to my power as fervent, as faithful to do your Honour ser-  
vice, which is but the dewtay of

Your Honors most humble servant,

W. L. STERLING.

For the Ry<sup>t</sup> Houble the Laird of Keir—Thes.

From Mr. W. Sterling, Senior, Baldernoch, 19th October 1675.

Rosla, 19 Octob. 1675.

280. Ryght Honorable Sir—I thecht fit according to my promis, to acquaint you that Buchanan's busines heire is fullie and fairlie giften vpe wpon the gentill womane's declaringe his possitifte avertisement from that busines, which she ever did from the beginning, together with his mother sisters dyssecent from the mother which he's giften the offinell strok to that offinell: so Sir, Buchanan went from this this day, with one resolution not to sic this place no more, nor to be ane Scots man, so that he sayes



he will live the cuntrie shortlie: I find Buchanen passion to be very great: Therfore I think it will not be fit that thus bussines of yours be anie way moved into nor communieat to anie mor then it is alr. sly. list the gentillman prove exasprat. So, Sir, if yow can heave the patience to ferbeir from your persut for ane month, or such a tym till mitteres war sattel'd, and a littil disgusted. I dont not bot thingis may be brocht about for your more satisfactione. I fained to send this letter to your cusing Mr George as yea desyred me, altho I know him to be your great freind, for fear of suspition, for gif the seerit come to mor haulls nor thus, it may be divulged, and when I can heave the fit or convenient tym yea shall be assured I shall not be wanting to acquent your worship, and it may be shoner nor you exspack. I desyrd you may live wond with my son wher ye may get my blettes contayned to you, and heaving nothing ellis to ad bot that I am. Sir. Your worships most obedient Servant.

W. STIRLING.

For the Ry: hon: The Laird of Keir.

The Honorable Patriek Lyndsay of Kilbirny, to Sir John Stirling of Keir.

Kilbirny, October ult. (76.)

281. Right Worshipfull Sir — I cannot expresse the extream joy I resented at the acceptable newes of your Ladys soife delivery of a sonne. I wish you both much joy of him, and your Lady a sudden and happie recovery, to whom my wylfe and I desires to be affectionately remembre, and also to my grandchilld the younge Laird, whose health I am now drinking, and to all the rest of the good companie there. I hope you'll do me reasone, the bearers haist will allow me to ad no more but what I will ever, that I am in all truw affection kyndnesse,

Yours to serve yow.

For the Laird of Keir.

P. LYNDISAY of Kilbirny.

From John sixth Earl of Rothes, Lord Chancellor, to the Same.

282. Sir — His Majesties Privy Councill having thought fit that the randezvouse of that Militia troupe of Horse in the shire of Perith now under your command, (whereof Leuitenant General Drumond was early Captain,) for this year 1677, should be at Perith, the first day of Jan: next: They haue aloynted notice to be given to yow theirof, that you may give tymous advertysment of the same to all persones concerned, that the dyet may be painfullie kept: at which the master master general, or one



deputed by him, will be present This the Councill has ordered to be signified to you  
By your humble servant.

*To the canceller*

Ed<sup>r</sup> 3 Apryle 1677.  
Sir John Stirlin of Keir.

The Honourable Patrick Lindsay of Kilbirny, to Margaret Baillie, Lady Luss, on her  
marriage to Archibald Stirling of Garden

Kilbirny, April 24. '77.

283. Deare Sister—I was just taking horse for Achans when your letter arived my  
hands. I shall not say but the newes of your mariage surprised me, neither shall I  
desemblle my thoughts so ferre as not to confesse I had rather wished you had con-  
tinued unmarried for the advantage of your sonne's affaers; but since the caise is other-  
wayes, I shall not condeame your choice, since the gentleman is very deserving. If  
your sonn's businesse go wel on, it is that which I shall looke upon as the hight of my  
ambition: the familly of Lusse being on of the familys on earth I wish most happiness  
to. I am your husband's most humble servant. I wish you both much joy together,  
for I shall ever endevour to aproove myselfe to be

Deare Sister, your affectionat Brother<sup>r</sup> and most humble servant.

P. LYNDAY of Kilbirny.

For the Lady Lusse.

Sir Archibald Stewart of Blackhall and Ardgowan, Baronet, to Margaret Baillie, 'Lady  
Lusse,' on her marriage to Archibald Stirling of Garden.

Ardg. 24th Aprile 77.

284. Madam—God give you joy. Ye have made good hast indeed, and I shal condeame  
charitable of all ye have done, in regard thes that ar wise kisweth best where ther

<sup>1</sup> The writer was brother-in-law of Margaret Baillie, being married to Margaret Crawford, the younger  
sister uterine.



oune shooe binds them. Your Ladyship might have spared your trouble in making ane appollogie to me for your speidie dispatch. The ward of your mariadge was not in my hand; and if ye have manrelgd your business to your oune satisfaction, and your sons advantage, I shall not be ill to please: but ye may lay your reckoning to <sup>be</sup> the subject of much peoples discourse for some days, and that thes months that we r  
eppen befor to speak unfavourable of you, will now be oppened much wider, and much of this shall be occasioned by the hasty and unexpected execution of your conclusions, for that your mariadge wes intended and designed, ther were few of us all so bluid or blockish as not to understand, but what should have occasioned the carieing on of affaires at such a rate, and by such a method, we cannot at all conjecture: for my owne part I do confess I never had so much witt or discretion that it wes in the least necessar to consult me, or once speare my advicee in such a matter, all I could pretend to wes reall kindness to you and your children: but I wish ye had payed home Kilbirnie's kindness with a mor handsome requittall then dispose of your self to any person without acquainting him with it: for as he is a gentleman above the ordinar rank of people for his birth, so is he for his kindnes, wherof ye had as great a schare as any I knew besides: on thing I am glade of that I hope this will affoord a great ease to your sons friends in the ordering of his affaires: and that your new choice will take much of the burden off your old confidents: and if it fall out so (as I am confident it will), I suare I shall be glader of that then I am of his being my neir relative: a qualiti which I find ye judge sufficient to attone for all the injurie can be done me: and truffe ye judge right, for much less then that may make satisfaction where ther is no wronge done. However God guide you, and if any be disposed to condemne this as ane escape of youth, I wish ye may be helped by a wise and prudent conversation in tyme coming, to make them change ther thoughts of you. I think ye have maried a verie fyne gentleman, and whatever good oppinion I have of him, I wish you may have ane hundreth tymes more, and continue so till the end: therefore I shall never condemne your mariadge (that is honourable amongst all), but I do confess ther are some informalities, such as not honouring your friends to seek ther advicee, and something of ane extraordinarie speidie dispatch that I will not approve. Pardon my freedom, and be as kind a wife as ye will, but be also a kind mother, and then, and on no other account, will ye find me,

Madam, Your kind Brother<sup>1</sup> and humble Servant,

A. STEWART.

For My Lady Lusso Thos.

<sup>1</sup> The writer was brothers-in-law of Margaret Baillie, being married to Anne Crawford, her older sister.



From Lieutenant, afterwards Lieutenant Colonel, George Murray, to Sir John Stirling  
of Keir.

Edinbuggh, June 22 [1677.]

285. Sir — I am informed that you ar not resolved to be chosen for this Parliament, wch I  
admire at. I think strange that you wold sufer any other to be elected for the  
Shyre, but Touch and your selfe, since I knoe it depends wpon you to make it so. I knoe  
the Marques of Muntrose will not onyl ease his interest with his friends for you and  
Touch, but is lykuyng very much concernd to have you to accept of it for sevrall rea-  
sons I shall acquaint you with at meiting, and particularly for this one reason, that  
soun busy peipoull heire maks it ther busines to represent you as disaffected to the  
goverment, wch I kno is a base cubann, for your self and all your forbears has givine  
good testemony of ther loyalty, wpon all occasions, neither will you meet with thos  
deficulties at this Parliament, as soun sort of peipoull wold have ws belieue. My wyfe is  
brought to bed of a fyne boy, she presents her service to you, and your Laday, and so dis.

Sir. Your most affectionat and most humbl servt.

G. MURRAY.

For Sir Jhone Stirling of Keyre — This.

The same to the same.

Edenburgh, June 29, 1677.

286. Sir — My Lord Marques desyred me to acquaint you that he will begin his journey  
from this nixte Teusday, for the Duke and Duches will be at Duran the 7 of July.  
My Lord is verry desyred to have you goo alonge with him, and your brother Carden:  
it will be ane obligacion to him, and a complement to the Duke and Duches. I heop  
you will not refuse. My brother is resolved to goo with my Lord if his wyfe be any  
waye in a recovery. My wyfe presents her service to you and your laday, and so dis.

Your most affectionat and humble servant.

G. MURRAY.

For Sir Jhone Stirling of Keyre — thes.

The same to the same.

Edenburgh, June 30, (1677.)

287. Sir — I received both yours: that with the account of your Elections and your  
Comision cam to me wpon Wednesday. I imediatly went to the Register and delivred  
it. Nixt morning at the Dicks rynging I told him that you and Touch was Comis-



sioners: he ansurde that he was informed that you was a very honest gentleman, which was seconded by a great manny besyd myself, both as to your self, and to your father and family: he asket me if Touch was marryd to your sister. I give the Marquis of Muntrose an account of your letter: he was michtilly well pleased that you was elected, and bids me asur you he is your roial freind, and will not onlly serve you in your concerne as to your being Comisshner, but in every thing else you desyre. This day I met with the Lairde of Airth, who complains that he hes bein illc used by you. He hes lykages givin the Duke an account of the Election: the Duke ansurde he was verry glad that ther was thre honest men choisne, but you most concerne your selfe that you be not bluffed as so shold all your freinds: I hoop ther is no hazard in it. Ther is litill newes by the last: ther is tuo fauourite followes mae choyce of for to serve for shirives for London for the enschiring ygre: they ar worse then the last, if worse can be, for they ar of Oliverrs ould stamp: they went to the poll, but it was carried for them by above twelve hunder. My Lord Hatton and his son went to Fyffe to cuse ther intrest for the Electors, but all they could doe was to mak one vot, and besyds they wer treated by the gentlmen with verry litill respect. Sir Charles Haket and Enstruthere younger was choisne without aney debate: Philippanch and Galashells is for the Forrest, Blakbarony and Sternop for Tuehill, Makersoun and Stichelle for Tevidaell, Orkiston and Grein k for Rauteroun; it is thought Sir Geo. Locarte and Crummell Lockart will be for Cledsdaell. Ther is a great work mae to disappoint Sallton for East Louthiane: pray God you may all agrei beter when you melt in Parliament then you have at the most of the Elections. My wyfe hes her affectionat love and service remembred to your lady, your selfe, and all yours, and so dis your most affectionat and humbill servant.

G. MURRAY

For Sir Jhone Stirling of Keyre—Thes.

From Williame last Earl of Menteith.

The Isle of Menteith, May 29, 1678.

288. Right Worshipfull—I did see an order that was ishened out by you to have the Militia troupe be att Perth the threttie of this instant. I am leader for one horse within the parish of Aberfull, and although I gott never my Localtie for the horse, no nor much my own land bear was given to others: yet notwithstanding for all that, I still sett my horse to the randivouze day by day indeed, att present I am altogether out of horses, see that I leave not one till I buy them, and if I had knownen of this your



order four or five daies sooner. I would have striven to provided a horse and men for the ransowere sufficiently mounted every way. I most humbly intreat you most noble Sir, that ye wad be pleased not to imput to me want of willingnesse and readinesse for his Majesties service. and I am verie hopefull of y<sup>r</sup> w<sup>r</sup> favour to me that ye will not send out no partie upon me for dedilencie att this tyme, quich I assure you I shall not from henceforth be any the deficient butt shall keep all the ransowere daies that ye will be pleased to command all that is in the power of much honoured, your much oblieged humble servant.



From James Stirling, to his brother, Sir John Stirling of Keir.

Edinburgh, 5th off June 1678.

289. Right Honorable — I mette with your man Will verie accidentallie, and he tolde me that you are al verie wel, quich I ame glade, and I pray God continuallie. The purposse off my long stay heare is to make meisme for a place, and to waitte upon the Comishoner his Grace. There is no places disposed one as yeatte. I heape, Sir, you will doe me the feavure as to doe in that place: thair is verie manie specking places this day ther is one reuenn off the Kings Troupe at Linlithgow, wher my Lord Oglelie is. Itt is thoughte that my Lord wil gette farrrie outte of the troupe, and have other farrtie to be coniuncte with the Kings Guards. My Lord Earlie is thoughte will be his Lifetensante. I leare nothing off my Lord off Atholl, he is coming downe with the rest are al coming downe. Ther is severals comed downe this weake; ther is one sessiōne for six weakes quich endually wil end in a peace. Notte trubbling yow anie furder I rester, Sir, your affectionatte Brother and humble Servant,

JAMES STIRLING.

My service to your Lady, and Miss Magdalane, and Billie. I resolve to come away from this the nixte wekke.

From William first Earl of Dunlonall.

290. Much Honored and Loving Cressing — It bath pleased God to call the Lord Cochrane, our eldest sone, out of this mortall life to his eternall glory. Wee intend to intarr



his corps in our buriali Isle of Dundonald church, upon Thursday the tuentie fyfth : this instant. We earnestly desire you to come to our house of Achans the said day, betuix ten and eleven of the clock, to accompanie his corps to their buriali place whereby ye shall very much oblige,

Sir, your most affectionat Cussing to serve you.

Pasley, September 3. 1679.

For the Laird of Keir.

*Dundonald*

From Alexander second Earl of Calander.

Calander, 22 September 1679.

291. Honoured Sir — You know by His Majesties proclamation publicly intimat as was coman lit. that all Noblemen, Barones, Gentmon and Free holiers within the Shire of Sterling ar comonallt to receave His Majesties Commissioners of Justiciarri at their entry to the Shyre the last instant, and to convoy them to the brugh of Sterling, and to wait upon them ther during ther abode, and to convoy them furth of the Shyre till they be receavir by the next Shirreffe wher they ar to ge: Sir I doubt not of your readines to this His Majesties commands, and if you pleas to come to Calander beten of the clok in the forenoone, you shall be attenlit from thence to Linlithgow Bridge, which is the first place of their entry to this Shyre, by,

Sir, your humble servant.

*Calander*

For Sir John Stirlinge of Keir.

From Arthur Ross, Archbishop of Glasgow.

Glasgow, Oct. 4. 1680.

292. Much Honored — I receaved on Saturday last a commission granted by his Majesty under the great seal, dated the fourth of May, to severall persons, for visiting this university; and you being one of the number, ye ar desired to be present here at Glasgow, the ninetinth day of this instant October, (which is the first appoynted in the



commission for our meeting to consult and determine what shall be thought fit and convenient for the ends proposed in the said Commission, and ye shall be waited on be.

Honored Sir, your very humble servant,

*Arch: Glaffman:*

For Sir John Stirling of Keir—These

From George Stirling, Chirurgeon, Edinburgh.

Edinburgh, October 27th, 1680.

293. Ryght Honourabill — The Duke and Duches of York accompanied with two men of warr and 3 yeaghts landit in Fyff yesterday about mid d.y. wher the Thane of For and many Councelers that wer wreath for attendit them, who ar to stay at Lesslie whill the Abay be in order for them: ther ar with them Archds 2 sounis, Panner's 2 brothers, the Master of Salton's sounis, the Laird of Lundie, and Mr Petersam clark. They sett sail from the Themas Thursday last, after a sudden resolutione. Receave the Kings speach in wreath, becaus its not yet come here in print, which is all from,

Ryght Honourabill, your honours humbl servt.

Geo. STIRLING.

For the Ryt Honn<sup>d</sup> the Laird of Keire.

From Charles tenth Earl of Mar.

Edinburgh, 17 January 1681.

294. Sir — I receaved yours, and on from your brother: you need not doubt my kinnes to Mr. James; bot as to that of Mr. Charles Fleeming's chang, I know nothing: nor doe I b<sup>e</sup>lieve it will be, bot tho it were, it is not in my power to dispense of it, i.e. Officers place in my Regiment having ever been filled upp by my recommendation, bot my onne Ensigne's allenarlie. I shall be glade to doe you or anie of yours what service lyes in my power, as is the duty off.

Sir, your most humble servant,

MAR.

From John Wordie, Sheriff-Clerk, Stirling.

295. Right Honourabill — The Earle of Cyllendar by his warrant dated the 20<sup>th</sup> of this instant, has ordered me to advertise the gentleman borboris and th' soldiers within the Slayre, to meet his hynes the Duke of York at Linlithgow bridge, one Thursday next,



being the thrid of February, be one a clock in the afternoon, for attending his hysse from thence to Stirling: His Lordship also desired me to shew you that he has no publick warrant for the same, bot that it is expected that he as Shirreff should give you advertisement therof, quilk his Lordship expects ye will obey.

I am your Honoures most humble and obedient servant,

Stirling, the last of January 1681.

JOHN WORDIE.

For the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Laird of Keir.

From James third Marquis of Montrose.

296. Sir — Hauing prevailed so far with His Grace the Archbischop of St Andrews to decline his recommendation in behalf of Mr. Gordon to the church of the Port, by a line under his own hand to the Bishop of Dumblain, and not doubting but upon the earnest desire I haue made to the Bishop, he will confirm Mr. Walter Stirling in that benefice, by which means the church of Baldernock will become vacant: I have taken the freedom earnestly to request you would not dispose of that vacaney till I haue the honour to see you, or if you do, that it be in favours of none but Mr. Alexander Duncan, who is the person I haue thought fit to recommend, and who I earnestly intreate may be after the accustomed manner of presentation confirmed by you in the church and benefice. I know he has been recommended to you by several noble and worthy persons, and I am fully persuaded he will not fare the wors by this application from

Sir,

Your humble servant,

*Montrose*

Edinburgh, 7th May 1681.

Major Edmiston being leader of a Militia horsman in your troop, and at the same time Major of the Militia Regiment under my command, and finding it something hard to discharge both duties together, I thought fit to intreate you to dispence with his absence from your troop some times, and this will likewise be an obligation on.

For the Laird of Keir.

From James Sterling to his Brother, Sir John Sterling of Keir.

Berwick. May the 13th 1681.

297. Dear Sir — I received your Letter, and doe most hartlie acknowledg your great kyndnes. I confess I am at present in a verei deplorable condicione, my loss (as I tak



it) being more then ordinarie, having lost a most kynde wife, and a tender mother to hir children, and one who, for hir vertuous and parts, I was never worthie of, and so it hath pleased God to deprive me of hir. Sir, I hauntlie thank you for your kynde invitatione. I doubt not of a kynde welcome from my friends, but I think I shall hardlie resolute to come much abroad this summer. I have not as yitt been out of my chamber, nor I can not as yitt resolute when I shall. Sir, I can writ no more so I must beg your pardon, onlie I intreat my most kynde service to your lady and beliae me to be.

Sir, your most affectionat uncle and humble servant.

JAMES STERLING.

Sir John Sterling of Kier. Leave this with Mr. Georg Sterling chirurgeon in Edenburg, to be sent as above directed. Edenburg.

John Sterling of Craigmarnet, to Sir William Purves, Baronet.

Campse, 11th Iulii 1681.

298. Right Honorable—I receaved yours of the 14 June last, and as I am very glend yow anl Succoth hath fallen on any way eather for continuing or beggiting a good wnderstanding amongst ourselfs, especially in joyning against such as would destroy vs all: soe I am a littell concerned in the latter part of it, as if my carriage of late had not been answerable to my professones. It is trew I have been sore wnlappie this three yeirs past, as not only to have been putt to great truble, both in body, wngel, and the littell fortoun I had, but also to have been misconstrued and misreprised in all my actions, which God is my witnes, (who most be my judge,) I never acted farther to the prejudice of that family, then what might conduce with my awne safty, nor ever did I intend by any diligence of myn to have mad further vse thereof then consisted with my payment and releif. Who hes been the incendiaryes to cast fyre amongst vse God forgive them: for my conscience beirs me witnes of the reality of my intentions, and had thos (who hes indevored by your division and myn to promott thair awne ends,) been als ingenious and fair in their actings, its lyk things had been att some close befor this. For your dechir Sir, if any thing hes escaped her that might reflect wpon me I forgive her, bot in case I have eather done or said any thing that was wnsuitable to a person of her worth when ever any such thing is att ayre, I shall be lyable to any censor yow shall putt wpon me: nor knew I any thong could exalt her passion save the proceeding in our diligence, and I belive Succoth will vindicte me in that as being done not soe wnjustly as at any wnsensouable tyme. I crave



pardon for this trouble, and only shall desyre you may continuall your good opinion of me: and [in] case I be wanting in any thing may contribut for the lady your daughters good and her children, which may consist with my owne safty, / then I shall be willing to lye under all the aspersiones hath frequently been cast vpon me. It is not my fault Mr. Forgesonne's byrth answere was not sent in your c. / I son Sir George, having als much in his hand as to have payd her or reimbursed you. I continuall,

Sir, your most humble servant,

JON. STERLING.

Present my wyf's service and myn to my lady and your good chilren. If you fnde Sir. Gastoun has a mynd for any of Gloucestre esteat, for God sake lett him have it in my place he choyses, that he may be pleased, and therby neither prejudge his wnkil nor me.

For Sir William Purvusse of that Ilk Barronett.

From J. Seton.

Seton, the 12. f August 1683.

200. Sir — I am heartely glade of your safe retorne from the waters. I hope the bathes hath contributed much to your halth. I did not kno of your tackinge jurnay til this bearer told me he spake with this day who brought a letter from Gardon shewing that ther is a comonie levied by the Merchants of London to go for the East Indias, and your wnkil is verie desirous, and he bath, that your brother Harie might be Ensigne to the Comonie, and your wnkil hath bespake the Captaine to keep the Ensignes place vacant til ther com wrd whither Harie wil indraue it or not, for when Gardon wrot his letter he thought you had been at Bristo, and went ther to speake with you in that affair, and now since you ar earely hom, I desir you may resolv to send him, for both Captaine Stirling and Gardon ar most pressin that this occasione be not slighted. He wrets to me they have good pay, and wil have occasion both to be a sea souldier, and a land one: and more they will have the privalidge of trading which in a short tyme wil make him a riche man, and if he war his only son he thinks he could not bestow him better. They ar verrie pressin and earnest with me not knowing it seems of your being settoun in Scotland, to hast Harie away with all possible hast. Since they ar so pressin, it is my owne opinion not to slight this occassione. His consideracion will be a hundred pound sterling, so I intreat yow may send a return of this to Gardon with the verrie first post. Gardon desir me to direct me letters for him to Mr. Stirling at Mrs. Singitoun's in Heyward, near Cherrin Cross, for he wil be at London befor any letters from Scotland can com to him, so you may direct yours



My service to your self and Ladie: so soon as I com from this Ill com and kiss your hands. I am, Sir, your most humble servant.

For the Laird of Keir.

J. SETONE.

Five Letters from 'C. Stirling' or Bower, 'Lady Methie,' to her Cousin Archibald  
Stirling of Garden.

Referred to at page 60.

200. My dear Cousin—I rec'd on of years long agoe by Mr. Crichton, and another lately from Dundie. The first I would have answered long agoe, but Mr. Crichton has been in the north near this five weeks, so that I could not get that occasion; and when I write any other way it comes but seldom to your hands: he came home our way Saterday last, and promises to get this safely to you. You will know by the inclos'd that I did not neglect to write to Mr. Brown a prett while agoe, and this is his answer. Truly, dear Cousin, I must tell you I expect little kindness that way, how I shall do with you I know not, for ther's no doubt but you stand in need of your money, and I could wish with all my heart I had it to give you. As for my own circumstances, I am still wrasteling on with great difficulties. I here Sanders Bower still has a mind to keep a part of that little money of ours in his own hand, which can no way trust with what we have adoe at this terme: but however Mr. Crichton has been so kind to offer to advance the money, and take his bond in case wee be straitned, and that Sanders Bower will not give the money. Truly, dear Cousin, I know not how much I am oblig'd to that g<sup>t</sup> honest man so I entreat you give him thanks upon my account. As for my children, I hope in few years the two eldest will do for them selves but in the meantime how all there prentice fees shall be pay'd, I know not. I must trust to God's providence, for now wee are ingadged, and it must be pay'd, although I know not yet the way how it shall be done. Your godson Ezechie was not abroad when yours came to my hand; but I hope by this time he is either gone, or just a going, where I hope he shal be as well as all his friends could wish him, and I hope shall not trouble non of us any more. I am much oblig'd to my sister Anna's kindness: I will say if my husband's friends had been as kind as my own, it had not been so ill with us as it is. I pray God forgive them: and I shall very willingly, sive ther is no way to heaven but by the way of the cross, I shall most willingly enter on it, by the assistance and grace of God Almighty. I send my sister Anna two shillings and two pence a week agoe, and shall send her the rest of her amoundment on about Whitsunday. God Almighty reward you all, for had it not been your kindness I



verily believe I had not had a house to set in. I have reason to be thankfull to God that stirs up such frinds in time of need. Who knows but some of mine may be servieable to you or yours? which I shall wish, and which will be there very great duty. My Jemey takes exceeding well with his trade, and his master has an extraordinarey kindness for hem, and uses hem very discreetly. He is just now here, and gives his humble duty to you. As for poor Sandy he went from this in March, and I here is arrived in Norway. When I shall see hem God knows. I pray God have a care of hem, for he is really thought a very sharp lad. Poor things! they are on of my greatest comforts in this world. All here are well, and gives there service to you, your Lady, and children, and wishes you all happiness, as I do, who am

Dearest Cousin, your very affectionat Cousin and ever oblidged Servant.

C. BOWER.

I remember I am still your debtor for the dressing of my watch which shall not be forgot.

Methie, Apill the 27, 1792.

For the Laird of Garden at the Kier --- thes.

301. My dear Cousin — I received yours, and am heartily glad to know of your welfare, whereof I wish the continuance. Your son has done use the kindness to stay here a little with me, which has been very great comfort to me, and now as great trouble to part with hem. I am glad, dear Cousin, that you have such a son, who may be, I am sure, a very great comfort to you, for, truly, I will say a more sweet and pleasant nature I never knew, and on that I think will very much follow your footsteps in kindness to his friends, which I truly find, for I cannot express my obligation to hem. God Almighty presarve hem to you, and you to hem, which will be a very great comfort to me. I am pac in hope by my sister Ann, that you have a mind to see us this summer. I wish you keep your resolution, which would rejoice me exceedingly, for it is what I long for extreemly, and has done this great while. I shall obey you, dear Cousin, in giving your annuadrents to my sister Ann. I leave the account of any of our affears to your son who can tell you very well how I am stated. All here are well, and give thier humble duty to you, and I am as ever.

My dear Cousin, your m<sup>st</sup> affectionat Cousin and ever oblidged Servant.

C. BOWER.

My humble service to your Lady and all your hopefull children.

Methie, Apill the 21, 1703.

The Laird of Garden att Poll Mese, Sterling --- thes.



Methie, August the 5th 1706.

302. My dear Cousin — I received your letter by my cousin James, who came here on Friday last. I prevailed with him to stay with us till Sunday was byre. I am very glad to see any of our friends here: I am much surpris'd that you tell me in yours, that you got no account of my sister Margerit's death, I being so carefull to write every particular about to you the very first post day after her death. My letter was dated from Dundie the 21 of June, directed to you at Mr. Walter Sterlings, according as you gave me the direction. I told you in it that she dy'd of a spotted feaver seven days after her delivery, and that she left two children behind her, whereof one of them has been with me since May was a year: the other is at nursing in the countrey near Kinneil. They are both boys. Mr. Brown is truly to be pitied, for he has really lost a very good wife, but poor woman she was but beginning to come to her trouble. What will come of her children now I know not. I pray God provide for them. Dear Cousin, as for these papers you write of to me, if I had a secure hand, I should send them over but the Post being so uncertain, I'm afraid to venture them with it: it may business will cost much money, I fear I will not get it done for after amonst, and publick dues are pay'd, and other necesarey things done, I have very little over; but, dear Cousin, I hope you will help to get it as cheap as possible, for it would be very hard for me to be miserable after his death, in whos life I could never be happy. My son James is come home after being taken by the French, and all taken from him, and shot through the left leg, although I bliss God he is now very well, and willis well again. I cannot say but he is much beter of his travils, and I s he a very fayall, for he had put a thousand marks to the fore, and if he had accomplish'd his voyage, he had reliv'd all his debts, for he was doctor of the shipe, and got leave to treat, so he had put all upon goods, his Capt. being kill'd after a most bludy fight, the french being double their number, they were forst to surrender, after which some of the french, being drunke, shot amongst the prisoners, and it was then that my son got his wound, for you know the time of the ingagement he was below. I think it necessary now that he stay at home, for since the sea is so dangerous, I'm afraid to venture him abroad again. Now, dear Cousin, I send this to you by way of Drumond, so I hope you will let me here from you the same way again, for I hope it will be more secure than the Post. My sister Ann, Methie and my sons give all their humble respects to yourself, Lady, and Children, as I do, who ever shall be your most affectionat Cousin and obliged servant.

The Laird of Garden at Polmese — theis.

C. STERLING.



303. Dear Cousin — I received yours dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August directed to Mr. Douglas care  
 I esteem my self always happy when I can here from you, and still the more when I  
 know you are well and as I have always found you on of the best of my frinds, so I  
 still find the continuance of the same, and since I am not able to reward you, I pray  
 God Almighty do it, and I wish that my children may be still grateful for the benefi-  
 cies they and I have receiv'd from you: dear Cousin the incld. will now let you  
 see what my intentions are aupt my affeers, which I think will be much easier than  
 the other, for really money cannot be got by me: as for my sons going abroad again  
 is what I cannot think upon as yet, he having past such hazards. I'm loath to expose  
 him to more, and still what he gains to be taken from hem: he is still very desirous to  
 goe himself, but I cannot consent as yet. I'm sorry for your son's misfortune in  
 breaking his leg, but glad that he is in the recovering hand. I pray God make them  
 all brave men to you. I am very sensible, my dear Cousin, of the loss you sustain by  
 your dear son, but I hope in God he may returne to you again, with more comfort than  
 ever. In the meantime, I pray God Almighty presarve hem. I'm sure he has the  
 good wishes of all that know hem. Methie and my sens give their humble duty to  
 you. I'm sorry the Lady Townsh is become so tender. I heard nothing of it before.  
 My humble respects to her, your Lady, and the rest of my good frinds with yow. I  
 am, as ever,

Dear Cousin, your most affectionat Cousin, and oblidged Servant.

C. STERLING.

Methie, Sept. the 28<sup>th</sup> 1706.

To the Leard of Garden att Pollmesse. Sterling.

No date: circa 1706.

304. My dear Cousine — I received your Leter a pretty while agoe, but could never, till  
 now, get ane occasion to give you an answer, with my hearty thanks for your kindness  
 and concerne in me and my familie. I still find you the same that you ever was. I  
 pray God reward you: wee are all well here, except the old man, who is very infirme,  
 and still looking for death. My daughter in law was brought to bed of a daughter the  
 sixteenth day of Decembe'r last, a very pretty thriving chylb as can be: but, my dear  
 Cousin, for that of being out of difficulties and troubls, is what I need never to think  
 upon, for as one goes another comes, and this life is nathing but a perpetuall warfrie.  
 God Almighty give every one of us grace to suffer our crosses and tribulations as we  
 should do, and then it will be happy for us in time and eternit. The first part of  
 your leter I goe alongst with it very well, for I know whom God loves he often



chastises, but the second part I do not so very well agree with, altho' I attribute it to ane affect of your kindness in wishing me to be what you judge best. I shall not pretend, dear cousin, to have clergy to your heighe, it not belonging to my sex, but sure I am to have the right upon my side, which, allass, you want, as it seems to me, from your own argument, for not to mention any other, for what you condemn is, the principals of state, the same you fall into in regard of the church, though you have fare greater grounds for the true church which you disown and disobey against my sentiments then for that of the state which both you and I own: for example the light of nature, and the Christian law, doth both agree in this that we should own and obey all lawfull powers under pain of damnation. So fare wee agree. But the law of nature alsono tells us that the goodness of God being such that he would have all men to be sauid whom he created for glorie in the possessing himself, tells us also that his justice hath lay'd down such a methode to save us, that all men, learn'd and unlearn'd, are capable to follow, in order to save them. The positive lawe of Christens confirms this, for in it I find in all the Creeds the Catholieke Church given us for our guide. Immediately after the beliefe of the Trinity, Christ in the holly Scriptures says the same, commanding us to believe the Church under pain of damnation, and very good reason for this, seeing he hath promised to be with her to the world's end: alsono the holly ghost the spirte of trueth to sagest unto her all truthe for this reason, who obeys her obeys christ, and who disobeys her disobeys christ, because its christ and the holly ghost that speaks to us by the mouth of the church, who consequently maintains that she erreth, gives the lie to Christ and the holly Ghost: its here, my dear Cousin, wee disagree, and I would to god you owned her authority with me, and this is my dayly prayer for you, this is a rule that all people are capable of, and wherby all may be saved who follow it, wheres your church of England, of which you glory so much to be a member, and who but as it were yesterday, rebel'd from us in Henry the eight's time, contradicts herein both creeds and scripture. Here, in this main and only point, all the contriversy depends: for look to her confession or profession of faith in the book of commone prayer, and there you will find that after she sets down the creeds she gives berth them and christ's promises the lye, in telling us that all churchles can and doth err, and consequently leaves man to himselfe without a sure and certaine guide to conduct him to his last end. I know you will say he hath the Scriptures the word of God for his guide — allass here you fall into the most terrible blunder that can be, for whilst you flatter yourselves with those apparent fine words, you leave all mankind to their own wroke and crying judgments, and by it only they judge and determine with themselves which is Scripture which not, which is the true sence of the Scripture.



which not, and so forth, which is the grounds of all your devisions and errors by usurping that power which belongs only to the church. I fear I may have wearied your patience with so long a letter, so I will add no more, but that I am, and ever shall be, my dear Cousin,

Your most affectionate Cousin, and ever oblidged Servant.

C. STERLING.

I offer my service, dear cousin, to your Lady, and children, and all my other friends with you. My sister Anne is here, and offers her service to you, as does likewise my son and daughter. The rest of my children are all well, from whom I hear lately, except Sandy, god knows what is come of him. I shall be glad to know when you heard from your eldest son, and how he is. Adeu dear cousin.

To the Laird of Garden at Polmese, Sterling.

Letter unsigned to James Stirling of Keir.

Glasgow] 13 June 1702.

305. Sir— . . . . . As for news, when the Parliament sat down Duke Hamilton, as he was persuaded by Whitlaw and some other of his friends, did not protest, but gave in a declination, and took instruments: after which he, with about eighty, left the house: Kilbirnie, Pollock and Duthall sat still; the remaining part now sitting consist of 35 peers, 36 barons, 43 baronets: It's thought this parliament will run high, being almost all of one party, and not an scoller in the whole house, Tark t excepted. They talke that they propose to make an act of laying it treason to querrel any thing they did, and passing an act to adjure the P. of W. and to exclude all from electing members of parliament that will not take the abjurations. As for the foreign news, the K. of Sweden is still at Warsaw, and the K. of Poland at Craon with the army of the Crown, expecting his Sworn forces to make head against the Swedes. The K. of Denmark has entered Germany with 17,000 men, upon what design not as yet known. The Duke of Wurtemberg is at Gaitz, and intends to march against P. Eugene who is strongly entrenched at Borgo forte, and has a bridge over the Po to keep communicatione with Modena, from whence he has his provisions. The allies made a vigorous attaque on the entrenchments of Keiserswartz, and after it was defend'd, seven French battalions in two hours time, with a great loss, made themselves masters of it. It's said they lost two Brigadiers Generals, 2 Major Generals, six colonels, the two Scots Lieutenant Colonels, and Major Hopkirk with the entire loss of those two Regiments. It's thought that the town has surrendered or taken by storme by this time. M



Boasters with 50,000 men had almost surprised Athlone with 25,000 men, but by good luck, and Wirtemberg's advise, he got under the cannon of Namogen where he posted his foot on the Contersempte. The French got most of the baggage and some cannon, and did them a great deal of damage in their rear. The French have blocked them up with 44,000 men, and are surrounding the centre round with 6000 horse, and all the Dutch forces in Brabant and about Utrecht are running before them. We have the Queen's letter to the parliament and the Commissioners and Chancellors speeches. She has assured them she will meet in the Presbyterian government, and desires them to lay on a fund for maintaining the forces, and to suffer her to levy more as she thinks fit. The two speeches run out in commendation of K. W. and the Queen. For anything that I see the Kirk will be higher than ever, nor shall we be able to bear their pride. Adieu.

To the Laird of Keir at Calder—These.

Walter Stirling, Writer in Edinburgh, to Archibald Stirling of Garden.

Edinburgh, October 24, 1709.

306. Sir— The Parliament have read only eighteen of the articles of the union. The rabble are like to be useless to them: they never miss to convey Duke Hamilton with huzzas, and yes, ere long they become very formidable. They assaulted Sir Patrick Johnstone's house, and forced him to take shelter in the Castle: then they went to the Earl of Loudoun's, where Argyle, Marr, and the Register were sapping: they thought fit to go to the Abbey on foot with what troops they could make—the rabble cursing them all the way. The Council met and gave orders to the Earl of Lennox to quell the rabble, so three or four companies of the foot guards were sent up to the town.

I am, Sir, your most humble servant,

The Laird of Garden.

WAL. STIRLING.

Walter Stirling, Edinburgh, to James Stirling of Keir.

Edinburgh, 9 December 1709.

307. Sir—

This night we had ringing of bells for the surrender of the Citadel of Lille on the 8th. We have not yet got the terms or conditions. The letters add, that Marlborough was to invest Ghent next day after the date, which was the 10th. Yest' night the Archbishop of Glasgow died. God have you and your family.

I am, Sir, your most faithful humble servant,

To the much honoured the Laird of Keir—These.

WAL. STIRLING.



James Stirling of Keir, to Marion Stuart his Wife.<sup>1</sup>

308. My dearest life—We were received yesternight by a party of the Duke of Northumberland's horse: they treat us civilly enough, and are to *goe* with us the greatest part of our journey, which will be very tedious: their horses are so cold as that they will not be able to march above a stage in the day. I am affrayed I shall not have much occasion of writing to you in road, for we are not to *goe* the peast way. We are all very hearty and merry. I have nothing that troubles me but only my absence from my dear, without whom it is impossible I can long live, so if I be obliged to stay at London, you most certainlie come up to me. We are to *goe* from this to-morrow. I offer my humble service to my Lady Blantyre, and give her my most hearty thanks for the indefatigable pains she took about me while with you: so I rest.

*my dearest life  
while I live onlie yours  
Ja: Stirling*

Berwick, May 2, 1708.

To the Lady Keir, to the care of Mr. Walter Stirling, Writer in Edinburgh,  
att his lodging over against the foot of Marline's Wind, Edinburgh.

309. My dearest life—Tho' I have no new thing to write, I thought it my duty to lett you hear from me. As I wrote to you befor, our journey will be very tedious, for it will be near a month before wee reach London. Wee are not to *goe* above a stage a day, and are to rest two dayes in the week, which will be very expensive. My Lord will tell you we are all very weel: he was so kind as to come back ten miles to stop a night with us Ile long extreamlie to hear from you, which I can not expect until I write to you from London. In the meau time I rest.

My dearest, allwayes yours.

Anyck, May 4, 1708.  
To the Lady Keir.

JA: STIRLING.

<sup>1</sup> The eight Letters, Nos. 308 to 315, are from James Stirling of Keir, to Marion Stuart his wife. They were written while he was travelling in London, and after his arrival there, where he was carried in the year 1708, for being implicated in the threatened invasion of Scotland by the King of France on behalf of the Stuart family.



310. My dearest life—To-morrow wee goe off from the post rode. I shall not have occasion to write you befor we reach London. Wee are not as yet half way, so it will be fally a fortnight befor wee come to London. Wee are very happy in a discreet officer who treats us very civillie. Their is one other party to receive us on Monday, whom I wish to be as discreet. I am hopefull wee shall be civillie used att London. Give my humble service to all that asks for me: so I rest,

My dearest Life, onlie yours.

Borrowbridge, May 13, 1708.

JA. STIRLING.

I desire you may write to my mother that I am weel.

To the Lady Keir.

311. My dearest life—Wee are att lenth come to this place within ten short miles of London, where we wait for further orders. John Doubigney came out here yesternight, who gives us some hopes that we will be put in the messenger's Lands. We have all keep our healths, onlie our journey has been very tedious. My dear, I desire you may gett that money from John Miller, and write to Walter McTagert to sell the need, for you most serape what money you can together. I have sent to London to see if their be a letter from you to me. I intreat ye i write often. How soon I come to London. Ile be sure to lett you know what becomes of us: in the meane time I rest,

My dearest, onlie yours.

Barnett, June 1, 1708

JA. STIRLING.

To the Lady Keir, to the care of Mr. Walter Stirling writer att Edinburgh, Scotland.

312. My dearest life—Their came a messenger for every one of us yesterday to Barnett, who received us from the party and brought us to town. We had the choice of our own lodgings. Garden and I stay att my Lord Blantyre's house with our two messengers, who are very civill to us. We are in the expectation of gettig out very soon on baill, so I will not desire you to come up untill I see what becomes of us, which will be very soon, being to be examined in a few dayes. If you have a mind to see this place, I desire you may come up as soon as possible. My dear, I intreat for what money you want, you call for it from George Robisone with all freedom, as also from John Miller what money he still rests. See that the park dick be built this summer. Sir James Grey has been just now with me, who offers me his service. I expect I a letter from you to me here. I have not heard from you since I came away, which makes me very



anxious about you and the children, so I pray you write to me often. You must direct your letters for me, to be found at My Lord Blantyre's Lodgings in Great Malborough Street. Garden and Doublignoy gives you their humble service; and I rest, my dearest life.

Emelle yours while I am

London, June 3, 1708.

JA. STIRLING.

To the Lady Keir, at Keir, near Stirlin.

313. My dearest life — Things has quite changed since I wrote to you last, for yesternight their came an order for sending Garden and me to Newgate, where we are just now. My Lord Diamond, Sir George Maxwell, and Robert Murray, are in the Tower: the rest are still with the Messengers, and expect to gett out very soon on bail. God knows what this means, but we are still in hopes of getting soon out, so I intreat you be not alarmed at it: if I find I can not gett soon out, you must certainlie come up. I am advised not to prision for eight dayes, then I will have a guess of our fate. The second square came to town this day, and are under messengers. My dearest, I have not as yet heard from you, whiche makes me very uneasy: I intreat you to write often. So the blessing of God be with you and the children. I rest,

My dearest life, emelle yours.

JA. STIRLING.

Direct your letters as I wrote to you formerlie.

Newgate, June 8, 1708.

To the Lady Keir, at Keir, near Stirlin, to the care of the postmaster of Stirling.

314. My dearest life — Their was never anything so agreeable to me in my life time as yours of the 14, which I gott yesterday, by which I gott the most comfortable news of your being much better. I was extreemlie unuse, but now, God be thanked, I am very weel. My dear, I expect to be bailed on Tuesday, so I hope to see you in a short time. Anything you want here let me know it by your first, that I may buy it. We are all very weel and hearty, and I assure you this is a palace in comparison of the Tollbooth of Edinburgh. Atelost next post I shall be more certain against what time I will be bailed, which you shall be sure to know. My dearest, I entreat you write often to me. So praying the blessing of God to be with you and the children, I rest,

My dearest life, alwayes yours.

Newgate, June 24, 1708.

JA. STIRLING.



315. My dearest life — I hope now to see you in a little time. We are to be sent down this week with Messengers, so in three weeks I expect to be att Edinburgh, and I have assurance from the people here that in a little time afterwards, we shall be bailled. It is not fit to write to you the reasons whey we cant here. I have write to Mr. Walter Stirling to send a coach for you a fortnight hence. I intreat you'll be att Edinburgh befor I come down: if I don't meet you their I'll be out of all patience. My dear, I have not heard from you these three posts. I pray God you be not worse then people writes to me. If it be possible for you to trav'le, for God's sake be att Edinburgh befor me. In the mean time I rest,

My dearest life, onclie yours,

Newgate, July 6, 1708.

JA. STIRLING.

To the Lady Keir, att Keir near Stirling, to the care of the postmaster of Stirling.

From Alexander Rose, Bishop of Edinburgh.

316. Sir — After conference with Mr. Nisbett, (having found my self at som freedom,) I have complied with your desire ament him, and this day have ordain'd him a presbiter. I wish that he may be usfull in the Ministrie, and servisable to good purposes to you and your laie and familie, all whom I heartily pray God to preserve, prosper and bless. I am with great respect, Sir, your most dutifull and most laund servt,

Alex<sup>3</sup> Edinbarger

Edinburgh, March 17, 1714.

Patrick Edmounstoun to Marion Stuart, 'Lady Keir.'

317. Madam — I had yesterday the honoур of your Ladyship's of the 15th: under whose cover it came I cannot tell. However I'm heartily glad to hear of your La. and family's welfare. There is very little news going, especially since I wrote last to Mainer: but as commonly people take the first alarm hottest, so we are not a little startled at the news of the Turks declaring war against the Empereur, tho' it seems to want confirmation, but the consequences they draw from it, the Spaniards will demand better terms than before. The Harlom Courant gives an account of a memorandum published by the Czar complaining of his minister's treatment at this court as a thing unprecedent: but it's not surprising he says, when the ministry here act for the interest of Hannover, without regard to Great Brittan, and he does not wonder at it.



They are unjust to foreign princes, since they betray their own country. How far the Congress at Brunswick may prevent the Duke of Holstein asserting his pretensions to the succession of the crown of Sweden, in terms not pacifick, is what still remains mysterious. Our stock jobbing, as it made a great many live in splendour and luxury last year, and as their circumstances were flourishing, so their fall is as great. That trade began in France, wee followed pretty close their methods, and as that country is in a sad condition, and many of our honest countrymen brought to very great straits, it's to be feared that calamity may reach this place by following their footsteps, tho' the parliament gives the greatest application to search out the causes of the disease, and to find a remedy. Mr. Stanhope is before them to-day, and a short time will acquit or expell him, and the rest of the members suspected of bribery. I'm extream auxilis to be at home, and much the more if my being in Scotland could be any ways serviceable to your La. affairs. But since I have come up, and stay'd so long here, I ly under a sort of necessity to wait till the opening of the Book to see what I may recover of the monney I left here. Tho' I have met with ane disappointment, yet I may be pretty easie, since I don't stand amongst the worst of my countrymen, but rather almost singular on the other side, for being safe from loosing. I shall mind your La. commission about the Razours. Baldie Stirling has been several times at Andrew Cockburn's, though I have not seen him. I fancie his curiosity is not great that way. But I understand his business is to raffle a box as a fund to make seats for the school he is to set up. I offer my most kind and humble service to all with you, and I am with the greatest respect, D. Madam,

Your La<sup>r</sup> most obliged humble servant,

London, 28th Feby. 1721.

PA. EDMONSTONNE.

To the Lady Keir, att Keir.

Sir Robert Montgomery of Skelmorie, Baronet, to his Uncle James Montgomery.

Bruntisland Castle, 30 Dece. 1715.

318. Dear Unkle—I must own that I have sufficient assurance if I did not entirely rely upon your goodness to me, as well as your generosity and your character of a good Christian, and forgiuing being one of the best marks, I hope you'll make use of it att this time to me in pardoning the crime I have committed against you in marrieing without y<sup>r</sup> knowledge. When you use to press me to marrie you always told me that you did not value monney, providing the woman I took was of a good and vertuous character and of a good familie. The first is what no bodie that ever knew her doubts of, and for the



last when you knowe that she is immediately come off Keir's and Blackbarries families, you'll be convinced. I must confess I wish to God I had sooner follow'd your advise, for now I find their can be noe true happiness but in a virtuous love, and since I entered into it, I must own all my inclinations I had formerlie to roving and extravagancies in my liveing, is now turned to the contrarie: for I tak' a man of honour is to look to the interest and easines of his wife and familie. Tho' she has not many, yet I doe assure you, were she acquainted with you, which I hope in God shall be soon, you'll be of my opinion, that she is of more value considering her inward qualities. If youll but frankly pardon the only crime of consequence I'm perswaded her uncle will doe for her hands, & see that our furder hapnes depends upon your and Mr. Robert Murrays meeting, which hope youll order soon. I believe my Lord Annandale will writ to you about this affair also, and he'll convince you that the Gouverment is intirly pleas'd with the service I have done, and zeal I have shewn for it, since I came here, and if youll shou'd punish me as I deserve, it may be of ill consequence, for my enemies may by hold of it to disapoint me in my just reward I expect from the Gouverment. I pray to Almighty God he'll incline you to forgiveness, for the future hapness of two who loves to excess, and who ever will have a true duty to you, depends upon it, especially since my wife is gone six ore seven weeks with child, see that your just resentment may disapoint me of what a value next to your forgivenes, a child. I need not, I hope, instance that all people of former ages, as well as the present, of religious and good characters, has placed their chief trust in the act of pardoning. Now our relation of the greatest consequence which our Savior has taught us is pardon us O Lord, as we pardon those that have offend'd us. So I doe not in the least doubt of your application of it att this time. Im,

Dear Unkle.

Your ever humble and obidient servant and dutfull Nephew,

ROBT MONTGOMERY.

Frances Stirling, Dowager Lady Montgomerie of Skelmorlie, to Hugh Montgomerie of Skelmorlie.

319. Dear Sir—I receiv'd last night the maleneonly account of my dear Sir Robert's death. God only knowes my condition att this time, and what a surprise it was to me. The last letter I had from him dated the twenty-seventh of April last, he gives me an account of his being ill, but that he was recovering, and was to be att the review, and after that to go to London—his friends giving him help to be provided for: so that for a long



time I believ'd him ther, for since that time I never heard more from him. Week before last I heard he was dead by a letter writ me, dated the ninth of this month. Upon the receipt of it, I went to Edinburgh, caus'd ask the Secretary of War, who said ther was no such thing, caus'd ask my deare Collonel, he said ther was no such thing, upon which I return'd home, satisfy'd that it was so. God only knows my melancholy and deplorable condition, that is far beyond expetion, for I belive I shall sink under my load. My letter is from one Jones: I suppose an officer in the Regiment who acquaint'd me of it by orders given by him before his death. I am, Dear Sir,

Your affliction Nise and affect. humble Servant,

Agust 30th 1731.

FRAN. MONTGOMERIE.

The same to the same.

320. Dear Sir—I am now left a poor miserable widow, without the least comfort, or one single farthing upon earth, or credit so much as for murnings. My Brother has it as much in his inclinations to do for me as ever Brother had, but alas! altogether unable to do it. So unless God dispose you to competionet my miserable children and me, we must perish for want. I'm a poor sickly creature, unable to bear my havy havy load that is upon me. I can with safty say I have not wanted a Doekter from me thes two years by past, for a poorer distress'd creature was never then I. O! Dear Sir, for Jesuse sake pitie my deplorable condition, for you are all, under God, that I have to depend upon for relife. In doing of it, you will ever have the prayers of the Fatherless and a Widow, who is with the greatest affection and regard, Dear Sir,

Your ever affect. Nise and dutifull humble Servant,

Sept 10, 1731.

FRAN. MONTGOMERIE

James Stirling of Keir, to John Stirling, younger of Keir.

321. John — I was last week with Dungilstone, who told me Gorthie had a letter latelij from the Duke of Montrose wherein he was very desirous you would stand for Parliament man for the shire of Stirling. Tho it is what I have not freedome to do, if it were my own case, yett I now think it is hard to lay a restraint on others that may have that freedome, and considering that I am to beare some of my younger children in a way which may probably oblige them to take the oaths, I will not be dislodged at your taking them, if you have no scruple at them yourself. I think this a very good oportunity for you. You'll have all the Duke's interest, and I doubt not a good deal



more. If you incline to stand, there must be no time lost. You must speak im-  
diatelic to Gortbie and Mr. Grahame of Airth, and concert your measures, for the  
gentlemen of the shire must be immedately applyed to. I think it proper you write  
to the Duke about it. . . . I am,

Your humble Servant,

Calder, July 24, 1735.

JA. STIRLING.

To John Stirling, younger of Keir, Esq.

James Stirling the Venetian, to John Stirling of Keir, 12th December 1735.

322. Dear Sir—I am very glad of this opportunity of paying you my compliments, as I dare say you will be of an opportunity of serving one who well deserves it—I mean your brother Baldy. As I did not know whether you was in town or country, I wrote to Lill to acquaint you that he, in pursuance of the scheme lately communicated to you, goes out purser of a ship to Bengal. He got this post just as I arrived here, and it affords him opportunities of getting a considerable quantity of goods on board. As he sails to-morrow or next day, he had not time to trouble you for the credit you was so kind to offer him, and if he had given a midshipman as he at first propos'd, he did not intend to have troubled you, because in that station he would have run a great risque in getting any considerable effects on board. But since he got the purser's place, and could not wait for an answer from you, I have joined with him in a bond of 350£, which he receives here of Mr. John Fullerton, and is to pay the same to his correspondent at Bengal 30 days after the arrival of the ship: by which you may observe, that Fullerton insures the money, because it is not to be paid unless the ship arrive. In the next place, you see that Baldy does not properly borrow the money, but only is intrusted to carry it out, to deliver it at Bengal, and has the advantage of taking it in goods, and making the most of them there.

Another thing I must acquaint you with is, that your brother Roby has above 100£ of Baldy's still in his hands, and it would be very hard for Baldy, who has so little to begin the world with, to leave that sum behind him. So I have ventured to get him 60£ of that money in the easiest manner could be contriv'd: which is, that he draws a bill on Mr. Oughterlony for the 60£ payable in 4 months, which Mr. Oughterlony accepts on my endorsing it, and to free me, your brother draws a bill on you for the sum payable to me in 6 months, which is a long time, and as I am informed, you have above that sum of Roby's money in your hands. But there's no probability that even a farthing of it will be demand'd, for it is near four months since Roby made the



last remittance to Bally, and he wrote then that he would continue remitting daily till the whole should come: but the weather has been so bad that few ships have lately come from Jamaica, it would be nothing to us if the goods should be cast away because they are always insured, and when they arrive they are to come to Mr. Ouchterlony, who is to dispose of them by my consent to the best advantage.

I hope you will accept the bill, and at the same time give me a bond of relief for the 350£. I would not have been so ready to trouble you, but I assure you I stand engag'd at present for no less than 840£ on the account of Bally, the parson, the Laird of Gregory. Keir and my lady think me very unkind to the Laird, altho' I have given him credit for 210£, and if you deny this favour to a brother so much more deserving, what will the world say of you, who are so much more able, and more and more may you be so every day. I shall now give you a piece of news and business mixt together.

Dr. Fullerton no sooner got a sight of this new wife but he was pierced to the heart, and if any thing seemed to go cross, altho' but a trifle, he was as much sunk as for the death of the former. In such a condition he could not be without a confidant, to whom does he light on but our Laird, a proper person to hear all the wise discourse that would be on that occasion. The Laird went every morning and dressed him before he went to visit his mistress, and met him duly to hear his success; and whereas all the ladies, especially the acquaintance of the former wife, rail'd freely at the Doctor for being in such a host, the Laird went through scolding them all like a Billinggate wife in favour of the Doctor, who in reward of these faithful services at last offered to get him a Company of Foot in the India Company's service by the assistance of his new allies; but the Laird not liking to fight with black men on his own account, as well as flying with white women on his friend's account, modestly declined accepting the offer, as being engag'd to go to Jamaica in a sure way to make a fortune. So the interest offered to Charles is secured for your brother Harry, and what other we can join to it. Nobody can tell what may come of the affair, but I think Harry should not be disposed of till you hear further; if it does succeed, he will be in a fair way of making a fortune soon: and two brothers in the same place would be a mutual advantage to one another, because in case of an accident, the one would be on the spot to take care that the effects of the other were not embezzled, as it commonly happens in those distant countries: this would be an infallible way to raise both their credits. I always am with great sincerity and respect, Sir.

Your most obedient humble Servant,

*James Stirling*

London, 12 December 1755.

To John Stirling of Keir, Esq., at Keir, to the care of the Postmaster of Stirling



Archibald Stirling to his brother John Stirling of Keir, October 25th 1742.

323. Dear Sir — Your agreeable favour of December the 31st. 1741. is now before me, which I do assure you was very welcome; as it's the only one I have received from you these two years. I'm much obliged to you for the kind concern you express after my health, which I thank God is now pretty well restored, tho' I can't say quite so well as I could wish, nor indeed do I ever expect it will, however temperance and spirits (of which last I have a tolerable share,) will I hope keep me alive, at least till such time as I have the pleasure of seeing my friends in Europe. I am heartily sorry for the deaths of uncle John and poor Charly. I believe the latter would have proved a very judicious man and extremely proper for the business he was in. I dare say it will be a great loss to Hugh, as I suppose they were designed to carry on a joint trade, but I hope that loss will in some measure be made up by Lewis, who, if I remember right, promised to be much such another. I have not had a letter from Roby for some time. I'm glad to hear he and Jamy are doing well. This war must be a fine harvest for Rob, and I dare say he will make hay while the sun shines. I had a letter last year from Harry, who seems to be very well pleased with the situation he is in. I suppose before this comes to hand you'll have heard of his being appointed with the title of Resident at Sillbar, a place which I believe you'll not find out in the most modern map, for I dare say never Christian was there before. I have not had a letter from him since his advancement, but I'm told he can pick up a good deal of money. As I'm upon money matters, I shall beg leave to trouble you with a small sketch of my own present situation and future views. I still continue in the Surat trade, and shall sail in a few days for that port. I have hitherto met with good success, both for myself and owners, which is the reason the employ has been so constant, and I hope will continue so till I have done my business. At present I reckon myself worth £4500 sterling, and the voyage I am now going upon will, I expect, improve my fortune a thousand or twelve hundred pounds. As soon as I have mustered up eight thousand, I propose coming home, but as I'm afraid I shall never be able to reconcile myself quite to a country life, and the income of that sum too small to live in London, I shall be obliged to look out for some employment, and what that may be I have not as yet fixed on, unless an agency to a regiment, which if it does not yield a great profit, requires no very close attendance, a thing which I should very much choose. However, it is possible when I have arrived at the above sum, if I have any tolerable prospect, I may be induced to stay till I make it the even ten; this is all I can say of myself at present. I should, in



my turn, be very solicitous of being particularly informed of your affairs, was I not well assured, that from your good management and economy, they are in as good a posture as your best friends could wish: and I dare say you have been before now so easy to your circumstances as to have with safety ventured on a wife with a Scots fortune only but I doubt you want something extraordinary, which is the reason you still continue a bachelor. Consider you are pretty near the median of life.

I'm much obliged to my friends for the trouble they have been at about the Meats affair. I was all along fondful of the event, had the peace confirmed, but knew it to be impracticable in our present situation. I hope the trade I am now in will do my business sooner or later.

I should have been glad to have seen my two young cousins. I think their father have sent them abroad full soon, for boys of their age seldom learn any thing that is good, unless they fall into the hands of some discreet person, whom it's pretty difficult to find in a sea life. I observe by the Gazettes, as well as your letter, that Sir James and Craignells are returned to Parliament for their old shires, and that the latter had the general thanks of his constituents for his behaviour in the last. Since the Anti-courtiers have at last prevailed, I doubt not but they will remember him for his firm adherence to the cause of liberty, for I believe he both wants and deserves it. I am heartily sorry for the death of poor Tom Watts: it must be a great misfortune to his family, especially at the juncture it happened, since they probably would have reaped advantages from the friendship he had cultivated with the people now in power.

I would [have] thankfully accepted your offer in relation to that small sum in Mr. Ouchterlony's hands, but have appropriated it to another use. Pray give my kind service to all friends and acquaintances, which includes me with assuring you, I most sincerely am, Dear Sir, your most affectionate and obedient humble Servant.

Calcutta, Oct. 25, 1742.

ARCHD. STIRLING.

To Jn<sup>o</sup> Stirling of Keir, Esq<sup>r</sup>

James Stirling of Keir, to his son Robert Stirling.

324. Dear Roby — Captain Smith is just now with me. You'll be desirous upon this extraordinary event to know what is become of us. Indeed from the beginning I was certain it would end as it has done. I dissuaded your two brothers from being concerned in it but to no purpose: they are now in a place of safety. As for myself, I did not meddle in it. I was putt up here as a disaffected person, but not by an order from any in



the goverment. I expect very soon to be liberate. I have not time to write any more particulars. I fancy your brother has done it. So, my dear child, adieu.

Dumbarton Castle, 7 Sept. 1746.

JA. STIRLING.

To Mr. Robert Stirling merchant in Kingstown, Jamaica.

John Stirling of Keir, to his brother Archibald Stirling.

Cadder, Tuesday, November 1st, 1748.

325. Dear Brother—Nothing in this world could give me more satisfaction than yours of the 4th of February last from Calcutta, which I receiv'd five weeks ago, and of the 1st of last month from Lisbon, which I received yesternight, and I hope in God against this reaches London, you shull have safely arrived there, where I had a great desire to have met you and returned to this country with you, but our Father's state of health is so very uncertain, that it makes it impossible for me to leave the place. In the month of January 1747, when prisoner in the Castle of Dumbarton, he was taken ill of a Hydropsie, on account of which he was on the 29th day of that month liberate, and came home, when he underwent a course of medicine, and got pretty well again, in which state he has continued till the beginning of last month, when he was taken ill again, and is at present under the same course of medicine as formerly; but considering his age, which is this very day 69 years, being born on the 1st of November 1679, and the approaching winter, the Physicians dread the consequences much. However tho' he is very weak, he has as yet, which is a great mercy, no pain. My mother, I thank God, and all other friends are well. I had the misfortune May last, by my horses falling with me, to dislocate my shoulder, but was soon perfectly recovered. Your old acquaintance, John Bell of Antersomby, now lives with his wife in or near London. When I write him he desires me to direct for him at the Pennsylvania Coffeeshow, so there, to be sure, notice may be had of the place of his abode. As he was with us last summer, he can give you a particular account of us all; tho' no great variation has happen'd in any thing since the last letters you receiv'd of mine. I wrote you on the 15th day of May 1747, in answer to one of the 30th of November 1746, I received from you by the Advice Boat sent from Bengal with the accounts of the French taking Madrass . . . . I shall at present trouble you no further, but hoping to hear quickly of your safe arrival at London, subscribe myself with the utmost sincerity and regard. Dear Brother.

Your most affectionate and obedient humble Servt.

To Mr. Archibald Stirling.

JOHN STIRLING.



The same to the same.

Calder, Friday, February 10, 1741.

326. Dear Brother — I this moment received the favour of yours of the 2nd instant at this place, where I have been for some days past waiting on my father, who I think now cannot hold out long. He has ordered his interment to be at Dunblane. So I design to transport the corpse from this place to the Kair, and have the interment just as if he had died there. I return you many thanks for the kindness you have shewn, and the care you have taken of poor Hughie. I hope he shall do very well. . . . . Do not, I entreat you, make yourself in the least uneasy about your not coming down at this time. Every body knows your reasons were sufficient, and I think you have given substantiall proofs of your being neither negligent or indifferent about your friends. I shall trouble you no further at present, but subscribe myself,

Dear Brother, yours, &c.

JOHN STIRLING.

To Mr. Archbald Stirling, at the Jerusalem Coffeehouse in Exchange Alley, London.

The same to the same.

Calder, Monday, February 27th, 1741.

327. Dear Brother — I am hourly sorry to acquaint you, that on Saturday last, at ten o'clock at night, our father almost without any struggle, departed this life in his chair, in my mother's and his own room, being the same that was my grandmother's when we came to Calder. The first time we apprehended him to be so near his end was Thursday last in the afternoon, when he was taken ill with a shortness of breath, which continued for two hours or so; however he got the better of that fit, and continued so easy in his breathing, that we believed he might live several days, till he was seized again with it about half an hour before his death. He kept his senses and spoke to the last moment. He stood on his feet when he found himself taken ill, and continued so till the last, when he said all was over, and sat down in his chair and expired. As I wrote you formerly, he had ordered his corpse to be interred in the Church of Dunblane, the burial place of his family, so I design to perform that duty Saturday next, by transporting the corpse in a bier, attended by two mourning coaches with eight gentlemen, on Friday first to the Kair, and next day have then a decent dinner for me, & 2 gentlemen more at noon, and at four o'clock afternoon, being Saturday the fourth of March next.



carry the corpse in the hearse, the coaches and company attending, to the Church, which is a mile from Keir, and lay them in the grave, when the company will immediately separate. You shall hear from me again on the Monday after the interment, that is, this day seight. My mother, who has had a good deal of fatigue this while past, is, poor woman, as well as can be expected. I must beg the favour of you to apprise Hugh, Robbie, and Janny of their father's death as soon as possible. All the ships for Jamaica from this are gone, nor are there any to sail for a great while, and please tell them it is by my particular desire you write them. I ever am, Dear Brother,

Your most affectionate and obedient humble Servant,



George Goring, Calcutta, to Archibald Stirling, Esq.

328. Dear Sir —

I now come to the melancholly part. Your poor brother Hugh departed this life the 7th of April, to my great grief, for I do assure he would have turned out an able man, and entered into the trade of India with a judgement greater than could have been imagined. In him I lost a faithful assistant, and I do assure you nothing should have been wanting on my part to have advanced his interests. I performed the last office of a friend, and attended him to his last shade, with a decency suitable to the occasion. The little fortune he had, he, by will, left under the direction of Mr. Orme, to whom I gave his books, with all he had on board the Danbury, of which I suppose he will send you the account. I am the more concerned at this misfortune, as it has quite taken out of my power all means of shewing you the sense I have of your past favours, by the endeavours I should have made use of to promote his interest and welfare.

Your most obliged humble Servant,

Calcutta, Dec. 13. 1749.

GEO. GORING.

To Archibald Stirling, Esq.

William Watts, Calcutta, to Archibald Stirling, Esq.

329. Sir — I am extremely sorry I have it not in my power to return the obligations I lie under to you, your poor brother Hugh dying at



Fort St. Davids. What makes his loss the greater, is, he was deserving of every friendly office, for his understanding was good, his temper sweet and amiable, had a very good notion of business, and would certainly have succeeded well in life. However, as dwelling on this subject must be very disagreeable, I shall conclude with my best wishes for your happiness, and with my sincere assurance, that I shall gladly embrace every opportunity to return your favours, and in commanding me you will give me pleasure. I am, dear Sir,

Your most obed. humble Servt.

W<sup>m</sup> WATTS.

Calcutta, Feby. the 10th 1751.

To Mr. Archibald Stirling.

Colonel William Erskine of Torrie, to Archibald Stirling, Esq.

330. Sir — I was favoured with yours of the 7th yesterday. I must freely own to you that I received your proposals with pleasure. Your fortune is unexceptionable, but I assure you, Sir, what weighs more with me is your character, and the family you are come off: and had you a much less fortune than you have, you should have my consent. I had a letter from my daughter, wherein she tells me the proposal is agreeable to her, so I see no reason why you may not go together when you please. I am glad you propose it to be private, for that is what I should have insisted on. I have written my opinion fully both to Mr. Erskine and Mr. Dundas. I have left every thing to their managem't, so whatever you and they agree to, I shall be satisfied. I wrote last post to Mr. Erskine. He will acquaint you with my sentiments, and I hope they will be agreeable to you. I must say something of my poor child. I assure you, Sir, her temper is agreeable, and as she is very young, you will have her of your own breeding. She has been an agreeable comfort to me, and I hope she will prove so to you. I pray God you may both live to be a blessing and comfort to one another, and I don't care how soon you make me a grandfather. I really think you will both speedily likly if you don't soon. May all happiness attend you, and believe me always, with great sincerity, my dear Sir,

Your most faithful humble Servant.

London, Feb<sup>r</sup>. 14th 1751.

WILL. ERSKINE

Walter, eighth Lord Blantyre, to Archibald Stirling, Esq.

Paris, the 29th April [1751].

331. My Dear Sir — I received very lately, the agreeable news of your marriage with Mr. Erskine. I felicitate you most sincerely on the happy occasion, and on the choice you have made. I had the pleasure to see the young lady at Duns Waters just before I



came abroad. She seemed very pretty and quite sensible. I am perfectly certain not fail being happy with so fair and so gentle a partner; and I flatter myself that you will add one to the number of those fortunate husbands who gather the roses of matrimony without their prickles. There is one thing I am sure of, if my wishes can add any thing to your happiness, they are all yours. I received some time ago your kind letter in relation to my brother's going out with Mr. Lynn, and am intrusted by you for interesting years if so kindly in my affairs and to us of my family. The letters you were so good as to send to John Smart, I am afraid, are thrown away upon him. He has, I am told, altered his scheme. The only thing I regret is, the trouble I have given you. Adieu my dear Sir. If I can be of any use to you here, pray employ me. I beg leave to offer my compliments to Mrs. Stirling, to Lady Keir, and to all the family. I am, dear Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

P.S.—I shall write to my friend Mrs. Lilius very soon.

BLANTYRE.<sup>1</sup>

John, twelfth Lord Gray, to Archibald Stirling of Keir.

GRAY, July 9, 1757.

632. Dear Sir—I never was so much struck in my life as at the receiving the letter you wrote me acquainting me of my good friend your brother's misfortune. Both relation and regard for his many good qualifications renders it the heaviest stroke that I could have met with, ev'n had it not been so sudden. I am as sorry that you (I am surprised) at the melancholy accounts of Lady Smart's health, as I had heard of the danger she was in from Keir when he was here. I must beg of you to take the trouble to let me know from time to time how they both do. God Almighty comfort my Aunt who, without these last six years, had been met with many causes of grief in the loss of her children. I have often designed to have done myself the pleasure of seeing you at Cudler. Many things have come in the way to prevent it hitherto, but I shall certainly make it out soon, being, I do assure you, with very great regard.

Your most obedient humble Servant,

GRAY.

Be so good as make my compliments to Miss Lilius, your sister, and all the rest of your friends.

To Archibald Stirling of Cudler, Esq., at Cudler by Edinburgh.

<sup>1</sup> The next letter to the same, to Keir, follows, as is from Mr. Bell, Esq., to Archibald Stirling, Edinburgh, 21st March 1757, in which he says—*last news from Mr. & Mrs. Smart's Letter to his Lord, informing him of Mr. Blantyre's death at Paris, the 10th instant, & with much regret, God bless my lady Blantyre. It is a very good loss to all his friends.*



William, second Duke of Montrose, to Archibald Stirling of Keir.

Buchanan, 14th July 1757.

333. Sir — This moment I have received yours with the melancholy account of Keir's death, and most sincerely sympathize with you, and all the family, on this mournful occasion. My regard for your brother was sincere, and my concern is unfeigned, who am, with truth,

Your sincere friend and faithful humble Servant.

[MONTROSE.]

George, sixth Lord Elibank, to Archibald Stirling of Keir.

334. Sir — I have all the regret for the loss of your brother that's due to an acquaintance of above forty years, a relation that did me honour, and to a friend whose sincerity I have proved, and whose good sense has been of use to me on many difficult occasions. Losses of this kind are irreparable: at my time of life the age of acquiring friendships is past, and we can little spare the few we had, and yet the older we grow, we stand the more in need of them. You will not doubt of my sincere condolence: and on your brother's account, your family's and your own, I am, Sir, with truth and real esteem,

Your most obedient and most humble Servant.

Balencrief, July 15, 1757.

*Elibank*

Francis, fifth Lord Napier to the Same.

Edinbellie, July 19th, 1757.

335. Dear Sir — Yesterday I had the favour of your letter from Falkirk. I cannot express to you the concern that your brother's death gives me. An acquaintance begun at school more than forty years ago, upon which was founded an intimacy and friendship never once interrupted, produced a love and esteem for him in my breast, that makes this melancholy stroke to his family and friends full very heavy indeed. I knew his merit, for I knew him well. I believe few people knew him better. My regard for him, not indeed equal to his merit, was as great as I was capable of. I often told him that he had a fit friendship for me: he gave me marks of it, and I believe it was so. I wish it was in my power to show you and his family the respect and love that I have ever had for his memory. If it could have justified my regard in the least, I w-



have walked a-foot twenty times the way to have assisted this day at the last office, but I think you judged right in performing that duty in a private manner.

I beg you to make my compliments to your Lady and all the family on this melancholy occasion, and to believe that tho' I have not the pleasure of being so well acquainted with you, as I was with your brother, your acquaintance and your friendship is what I wish and desire. I am with real esteem and regard.

Dear Sir, your most obedient humble servant and cousin,

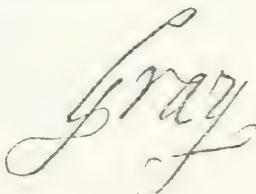


John, twelfth Lord Gray to the Same.

Kinfawns, July 26th. 1757.

336. Dear Sir—I most sincerely condole with you, and with all your family, on the death of your worthy Brother, and my inestimable Friend. Could merit, honesty, and virtue have prevented the fatal blow, he surely had been spared many years for a comfort to his friends, and a blessing to his neighbours. But since it hath pleased God to order that it should be otherwise, what have we to do but to acquiesce without repining, tho' it is impossible not to grieve at so severe and so sensible a stroke. I must beg the favour of you to let me know how your mother and sister Lady Stirling are. Your Aunt was vastly affected with the melancholy news, and the more so, as she had but so lately seen him so gay and so cheerful. She too, I am afraid, is in an indifferent state of health, but as yet no very dangerous symptoms appear, and you may be sure no care nor attention will be omitted that can contribute to her recovery. It is proposed she should stay with her daughter Lady Ballegarno. I offer my compliments to Mrs. Stirling, and all other friends in your neighbourhood, and I am with all truth and regard, Dear Sir,

Your affectionate humble Servant,





237. Lord Gray also commemorated his Friend's Death in the following Verses—

[Written at Gray, in July 1757, by John Lord Gray, on the Death of his Cousin  
John Stirling of Keir, who Died of the Palsy at Edinburgh, 7th July 1757]

Little, alas! I daur'd, when bamy May,  
Mother of flowers, and fragrant blossoms fair,  
Shower'd o'er each bush, and bank, and brake,  
While tasting every gay variety,  
Which rosante summer yields on every hill,  
On lawn and thicket, intricate, and grove,  
Stirling and I full indolently strayed;  
I little daur'd that e'er the budding rose  
Had shed its silken leaves, the weeping muse  
Should strike the lyre to sooth his fleeting shade.

If e'er a mother mourn'd an only child,  
If e'er a lover mourn'd a mistress lost,  
If e'er compassion touch'd a tender breast,  
Bickling soft tears distil for others' woes;  
With sympathetic feeling I will mourn  
Stirling's lamented fate and timeless fall,  
Come weeping Queen of Elegie Verse,  
If thought can comprehend, or words express  
[Or tears decide our grief, then let thy tears]  
In sign of sorrow flow, while we inscribe  
This arlss mark of friendship on his tomb.

Stirling was gentle, bountiful, and good,  
Grave without dullness, with composure gay,  
His thoughts still just, as justly he expressed,  
In native eloquence, as full as clear  
As flows the current from a coppery spring,  
Age, claim'd, attentive, listened while he spoke  
On high, important subjects, or explained



Matters momentous, with a judge's skill  
 Deep versant in the laws. The choir of youth  
 Encircled crowded round him, when from these  
 He quick descending, with complacent mind,  
 Inspired each tribe, and implored such joy.

Yet all avild not, neither richest stores  
 On him shew'd largly, by the liberal hand  
 Of our all-giving Mak'r, and which he  
 As liberally chuse'd, when pining want,  
 Or fell necessity, shew'd subjects fit  
 For his unceasing beauty. All these gifts  
 Of God and nature could not stay the doom  
 Of unrelenting destiny, nor move  
 The grizzly king of terrors to be kind.  
 He fell taunted by the young and gay,  
 The old and sober, in each place where 'twas  
 With all her wings, and all her tongues, had spread  
 His praise, his merit, and his much laud'd name.

A copy of these verses was taken, on the 30th January 1848, from a collection of MS. letters and poems, chiefly written by John Dunlop, and addressed to George Chalmers, which was then for sale at the shop in Piccadilly, of Mr. Thomas Thorpe, the well known bookseller in London. John Dunlop, who dates from Port Glasgow, early in the present century, appears to have been assisting George Chalmers in collecting materials for a collection of Scottish fugitive poetry. The above verses were obtained, as the letter indicates, by Lady Stuart of Castlemilk, from Charles Stirling, nephew of the subject of Lord Gray's Elegy. John Dunlop was a younger brother of Mr. Dunlop of Garakirk, Lord Provost of Glasgow, and afterwards collector of customs at Port-Glasgow, where he died. He was a man of sound sense, considerable wit and humour, sang beautifully, and was the author of a privately printed volume of poems. [Glasgow and its Clubs, by John Strang, LL.D., 2nd Edition, 1to. Glasgow, 1857. P. 45, note.]



EXAMPLES OF SPELLINGS OF THE SURNAME OF STIRLING  
WITH THEIR DATES,

AND WITH REFERENCES TO THE PAPERS IN WHICH EACH OCCURS.

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\* Warrant by Matthew Earl of Lennox [Edinb. Chancery Chancery.]



339. CATALOGUE  
OF THE  
PORTRAITS OF THE STIRLINGS OF KEIR  
AND SOME OF THEIR CONNECTIONS, PRESERVED AT KEIR AND CAWDER.

The Pictures, when not otherwise described, are on Canvass.

The following Abbreviations have been employed—F. L. Full Length. T. Q. Three Quarters. H. L. Half Length. B. Bust. H. H. Head. m. married. b. born. d. died. c. copied. p. painted. iv. ivory. pa. panel. pap. paper. cra. crayons. wa. co. water colours.

AT KEIR.

ARTISTS.

1. Elizabeth Stirling, daughter of Sir James Stirling of Keir; m. 1572, John Napier of Merchiston; d. 1579. C. from the original (now lost or missing), formerly in the collection of Lord Napier, at Thirlestane, Selkirk. B.  
2 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet 1 inch wide. GREGOR URGUHART.
2. John Napier of Merchiston, inventor of logarithms; b. 1559; d. 1617. C. from the original in the College of Edinburgh. B.  
2 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet 1 inch wide. GREGOR URGUHART.
3. Sir George Stirling of Keir; b. 1615; d. 1667. B.  
2 feet 3 inches high, 2 feet wide. GEORGE JAMESON.
4. Honourable Margaret Napier, eldest daughter of Archibald first Lord Napier, second wife of Sir George Stirling of Keir; b. 1615; m. 1639; d. 1633. B.  
2 feet 3 inches high, 2 feet wide. GEORGE JAMESON.
5. Major John Stirling, eldest son of Sir John Stirling of Garden; b. 1614; d. before 1639. B.  
2 feet 3½ inches high, 2 feet wide. Unknown.
6. Sir John Stirling of Keir; b. 1648; d. 1684. B.  
2 feet 4 inches high, 1 foot 11 inches wide. Unknown.



7. Lady Margaret Livingston, daughter of Alexander second Earl of Linlithgow; m. — 1st, Sir Thomas Nicholson of Carnock, 2nd (1654), Sir George Stirling of Keir, 3rd (1668). Sir John Stirling of Keir; d. 1699. B.  
2 feet  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches high. 1 foot  $11\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. Unknown.

8. Lilius Colquhoun, eldest daughter of Sir John Colquhoun of Luss, Bart.; m. 1675, Sir John Stirling of Keir; d. 1726. B.  
2 feet  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches high, 2 feet wide. Unknown.

9. Lilius Colquhoun, with her grand-daughter Lilius Stirling (b. 1707), daughter of her eldest son James. T. Q.  
4 feet  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches high, 3 feet 5 inches wide. Unknown.

10. Elizabeth Stirling, fourth daughter of Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir; b. 1647; m. James Seton of Touch. C. (1849) from the original at Garden, formerly at Keir. B.  
2 feet  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches high. 1 foot  $11\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. SAMUEL WEST.

11. Archibald Stirling of Garden, third son of Archibald Stirling of Keir; b. 1651; d. 1712. C. (1849) from the original at Garden, formerly at Keir. B.  
2 feet  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches high. 1 foot  $11\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. SAMUEL WEST.

12. James Stirling of Keir; b. 1679; d. 1749. T. Q.  
4 feet 2 inches high, 3 feet  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches wide. { Probably SIR JOHN MEDINA.

13. Honourable Marion Stuart, eldest daughter of Alexander fifth Lord Blantyre; m. 1704, James Stirling of Keir; d. 1770. T. Q.  
4 feet 2 inches high. 3 feet  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. { Probably SIR JOHN MEDINA.

14. Lilius Stirling, daughter of James Stirling of Keir; b. 1707; d. 1775. T. Q.  
4 feet 2 inches high. 3 feet 5 inches wide. { Sir JOHN MEDINA or one of his Sons.

15. John Stirling of Keir; b. 1704; d. 1757; ætat. 35. P. at Edinburgh, 21st Feb. 1839. T. Q.  
4 feet  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches high. 3 feet 3 inches wide. BELLOCQ.

16. John Stirling of Keir; b. 1704; d. 1757; ætat. 47. P. in 1752. T. Q.  
4 feet 2 inches high. 3 feet  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. Unknown.

17. Archibald Stirling of Keir; b. 1710; d. 1783. P. 1749. T. Q.  
4 feet 2 inches high. 3 feet  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches wide. THOMAS HEDSON.



## ARTISTS.

18. Margaret Erskine, daughter of Colonel William Erskine of Towie; b. 1733; m. Archibald Stirling of Keir, 1750; d. 1761; ætat. 25. P. 1758. T. Q.  
4 feet 2 inches high, 3 feet 4 inches wide. THOMAS HUDSON.

19. Anne Hay, eldest daughter of Alexander Hay of Invermuelzie, widow of Sir Patrick Melburn Murray, Bart. of Ballochmuir; m. 1792. Archibald Stirling of Keir; d. 1807. T. Q.  
4 feet 1½ inches high, 3 feet 3½ inches wide. UNKNOWN.

20. Margaret Stirling, daughter of James Stirling of Keir; b. 1720; m. Sir Hugh Hamilton of Rosehall; d. 1802. H. L.  
2 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet 1 inch wide. SIR HENRY RAEBURN.

21. James Stirling of Keir; b. 1766; d. 1831. P. 1826. F. L.  
7 feet 1 inch high, 4 feet 8½ inches wide. WILLIAM ROSS.

22. Charles Stirling, second son of William Stirling of Keir; b. 1771; d. 1830. C. 1814, from the original P. in 1827, by William Ross of Cawder. B.  
2 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet ½ inch wide. GREGOR UNQUHART.

23. Charles Stirling, fourth son of William Stirling of Keir. P. 1849, partly from the original by William Ross of Cawder, (P. 1828), and partly from recollection. B.  
2 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet ½ inch wide. JOHN PARTRIDGE.

24. Christian Erskine, widow of Charles Stirling, fourth son of William Stirling of Keir. P. 1849. B.  
2 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet ½ inch wide. JOHN PARTRIDGE.

25. Robert Stirling, fifth son of William Stirling of Keir; b. 1772; d. 1808. B.  
2 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet 1 inch wide. SIR HENRY RAEBURN.

26. Marion Stirling, eldest daughter of William Stirling of Keir; b. 1774; d. 1842. P. 1848, from a miniature by R. Cosway. B.  
2 feet 2 inches high, 1 foot 10 inches wide. SAMUEL WEST.

27. Jane Stirling, third daughter of William Stirling of Keir; b. 1775; d. 1835. P. 1848, from a miniature by R. Cosway. B.  
2 feet 2 inches high, 1 foot 10 inches wide. SAMUEL WEST.

28. Elizabeth Maxwell, second daughter of Sir John Maxwell of Pollock, Bart.; b. 1783; m. 1815 Archibald Stirling



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of Keir; d. 1822. P. 1814 or 1815. B.  
2 feet 6 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches high, 2 feet 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide. — RIDDICH

29. Elizabeth Maxwell. C. 1844 from the above picture, with suggestions by her brother, Sir John Maxwell, Bart. B.  
2 feet 4 inches high, 2 feet  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide. GREGOR URQUHAR.

30. Elizabeth Maxwell. C. 1848, from the same, with suggestions by her brother, Sir John Maxwell. B.  
2 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet 1 inch wide. SAMUEL WEST.

31. Helen Stirling, only child of Robert Stirling; b. 1808; d. 1822. P. about 1813 or 1814. F. L.  
2 feet 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches high, 2 feet 3 inches wide. SIR HENRY RAEBURN.

32. Hannah Ann Stirling, eldest daughter of Archibald Stirling of Keir; b. 1816; d. 1843. P. 1839. F. L.  
7 feet 1 inch high, 4 feet 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. { JOHN GRAHAM GILBERT.

33. Hannah Ann Stirling. C. 1844, from the F. L. picture by J. G. Gilbert. B.  
2 feet 4 inches high, 2 feet  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide. GREGOR URQUHAR.

34. Hannah Ann Stirling. C. 1848, from the F. L. picture, with a veil added and the dress altered. B.  
2 feet 4 inches high, 2 feet  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide. JOHN G. GILBERT.

35. William Stirling of Keir; b. 1818. P. 1839. F. L.  
7 feet 1 inch high, 4 feet 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. JOHN G. GILBERT.

36. Sir John Maxwell, Bart. of Polloc. P. 1848. B.  
2 feet 5 inches high, 2 feet  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide. JAMES R. SWINTON.

37. Lady Matilda Harriet Bruce, second daughter of Thomas Earl of Elgin; b. 1802; m. 1839, Sir John Maxwell of Polloc; d. at Polloc, Aug. 31, 1857. P. 1848. B.  
2 feet 5 inches high, 2 feet  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide. JAMES R. SWINTON.

38. William Stuart Stirling Crawford of Milton, eldest son of William Stirling, sixth son of William Stirling of Keir; b. 1819. P. 1847. T. Q. Engraved in mezzotinto, as a private plate, by Edward Burton.  
4 feet 7 inches high, 3 feet 11 inches wide. FRANCIS GRANT, R. A.



## MINIATURES, DRAWINGS, &amp;c.

39. James Stirling of Keir; b. 1706; d. 1831. Wa. co. on iv. B.  
3 inches high. 2½ wide. Unknown.

40. Robert Stirling; b. 1772; d. 1808. Wa. co. on iv. B.  
3 inches high. 2½ wide. Unknown.

41. Marion Stirling; b. 1774; d. 1842. Wa. co. on iv. B.  
3 inches high. 2½ wide. RICHARD COSWAY.

42. Marion Stirling. Wa. co. on pa. T. Q.  
9 inches high. 8 inches wide. N. MACDOUGALL.

43. Jane Stirling; b. 1775; d. 1835. Wa. co. on iv. B.  
3 inches high. 2½ wide. RICHARD COSWAY.

44. Harriet Maxwell, eldest daughter of Sir John Maxwell, Bart. of Pollock; b. 1791; d. 1842. P. in 1826. Wa. co. on iv. B.  
4 inches high. 3 inches wide. W. DOUGLAS.

45. Elizabeth Maxwell, second daughter of Sir John Maxwell, Bart. of Pollock; b. 1793; d. 1822, as a girl. Wa. co. on pa. Hd.  
4½ inches high. 3 inches wide. Unknown.

46. Elizabeth Maxwell. Cut from a larger picture. Hd.  
7½ inches high. 5½ inches wide. Unknown.

47. Elizabeth Maxwell. Wa. co. on pap. B.  
5½ inches high. 4 inches wide. Unknown.

48. Elizabeth Maxwell. Cameo in iv.  
2½ inches high. 1¾ inches wide. Unknown.

49. Hannah Ann Stirling; b. 1816; d. 1843. Wa. co. on iv.  
P. in 1824. 6½ inches high. 4½ inches wide. W. DOUGLAS.

50. Hannah Ann Stirling. Small copy from the F.L. picture  
by J. Graham Gilbert. On pa. B.  
7½ inches high. 5½ inches wide. GREGOR UNGUICULATI.

51. William Stirling of Keir; b. 1818. Wa. co. on iv. P. in  
1824. F.L.  
6½ inches high. 4½ inches wide. W. DOUGLAS.



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52. Elizabeth Stirling, second daughter of Archibald Stirling of Keir; b. 1822; d. 1845. Wa. in oil, in. P. in 1826. F. L.

6 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches high, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. W. Douglas.

53. William Stuart Stirling Crawford of Milton; b. 1819. Wa. in oil on canvas. P. in 1841.

8 inches high, 5 inches wide. Robert Thomson.

54. John Stirling; b. 1813; eldest son of William Stirling, second son of John Stirling of Kippenday. Black and white on paper. Drawn 1838, at Dresden.

13 inches high, 10 inches wide. Ernesto.

## BUSTS.

55. James Stirling of Keir; b. 1790; d. 1831. Executed at Florence in 1811 or 1812. Marble. Life size.

2 feet 1 inch high. Unknown.

56. Robert Stirling; b. 1772; d. 1808. Alabaster; small.

1 foot 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches high. Unknown.

57. Marion Stirling; b. 1774; d. 1842. Alabaster; small.

1 foot 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches high. Unknown.

58. Jane Stirling; b. 1775; d. 1835. Alabaster; small.

1 foot 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches high. Unknown.

## AT CAWDER.

59. Sir John Stirling of Keir; b. 1658; d. 1684. B.

2 feet 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches high, 1 foot 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. Unknown.

60. John Stirling of Keir; b. 1794; d. 1757. Apparently a repetition of the picture painted in 1752. B.

2 feet 7 inches high, 2 feet 1 inch wide. Unknown.

61. James Stirling of Keir; b. 1790; d. 1831. C. 1825, from the miniature at Keir (No. 39). B.

2 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet 1 inch wide. Unknown.

62. Charles Stirling, fourth son of William Stirling of Keir; b. 1771; d. 1830. P. 1827. T. Q.

4 feet 2 inches high, 3 feet 4 inches wide. Whitrow Ross.



## STATUES.

65. Christian Erskine, wife of Charles Stirling. P. in 1827.  
4 feet 2 inches high. 3 feet 4 inches wide. William Ross.

64. Christian Stirling, second daughter of Sir William Stirling  
of Ardloch, wife of George Dundas of Dundas. b. 1782;  
m. 1784; d. 1832. B.  
2 feet 6 inches high. 2 feet 1 inch wide. Sir Harry Raeburn.

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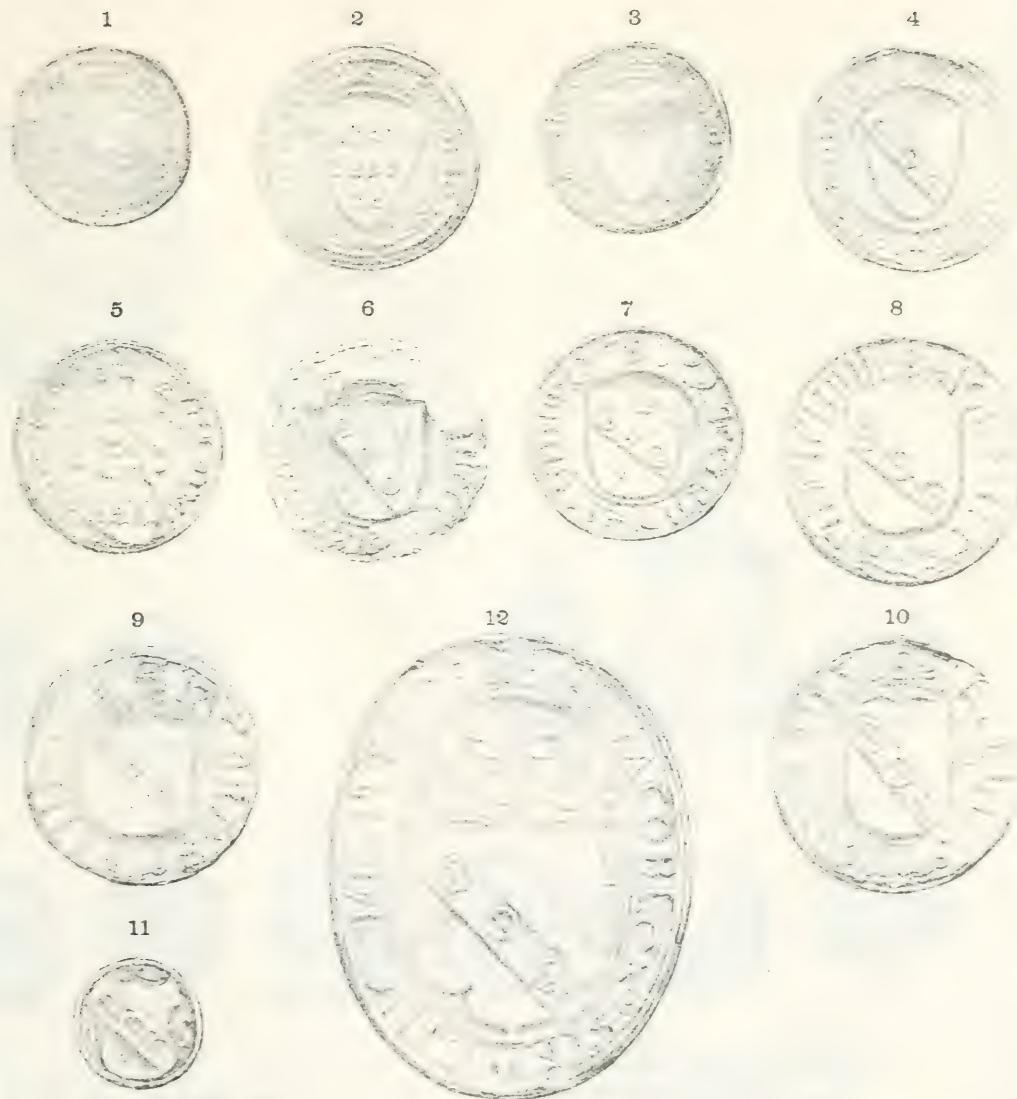
65. James Stirling of Kair; b. 1766; d. 1830. Cast in plaster  
of the bust at Kair.  
1 foot 11 inches high. Unknown.

66. Charles Stirling; b. 1771; d. 1830. Executed at Rome  
1824; marble.  
2 feet 2 inches high. } LAURENCE  
MACDONALD.

67. Christian Erskine, wife of Charles Stirling. Executed at  
Rome 1824; marble.  
2 feet 4½ inches high. William Evans.

68. Francis, fifteenth Lord Gray of Gray. Cast in plaster  
from the bust at Kildrums Castle.  
1 foot 10½ inches high. } LAURENCE  
MACDONALD.





1. WILLIAM OF STIRLING, 1292.

2. JOHN OF STIRLING, KNIGHT, 1292.

3. ALICE OF STIRLING, 1292.

4. THOMAS OF STIRLING, FIRST OF KEIR, 1308.

5. WILLIAM OF STIRLING, 1302.

6. ROBERT STIRLING OF BROWNSHILL, 1309.

7. ROBERT STIRLING, 1327.

8. SIR ALICE STIRLING, KNIGHT, 1332.

9, 10, 11, 12. SIR ALICE STIRLING, KNIGHT, 1339.

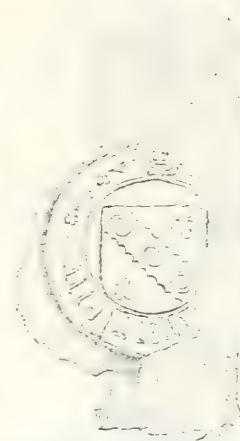
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13. Archibald Stirling, sixth of Keir, 1697.  
 14. Walter Stirling of Bellairie, 1598.  
 15. Archibald Stirling, Laird Gordon, 1621.  
 16. Sir Henry Stirling of Ardoch, 1666.  
 17. Archibald Stirling, 1672.  
 18. 19. 20. James Stirling of Keir, 1709.  
 21. John Stirling of Keir, 1747.

22. Archibald Stirling, afterwards of Keir, c. 1750.  
 23. James Stirling c. 1750, 1800.  
 24. Charles Stirling, Viscount of Duns, 1800.  
 25. William Stirling of Keir, c. 1750.  
 26. Archibald Stirling, Laird of Keir, 1811.  
 27. William Stirling, Laird of Keir.



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John Stirling

2

William Stirling

3

Andrew Stirling of Pott Nellie Halyda

4

Jane Lady Keir

5

They affirmit good friends  
are fewe.

Sir Archibald Stirling  
of Keir. 1602

1. John Stirling of Craighward, 1562.

2. William Stirling of Gilvert, 1562.

3. Andrew Stirling of Pott Nellie Halyda,

4. Jane Lady Keir, c. 1550.

5. Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, 1602.



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John Stirling

2

my dearest life  
while I live on die yours  
Ja Stirling

3

James Stirling

4

John Stirling

5

Arch<sup>d</sup> Stirling

6

W<sup>m</sup> Stirling

1. Sir Archibald Stirling, who was Lord Garter, 1641.

2. James Stirling of Keir, 1708.

3. James Stirling, the Mathematician, 1735.

4. John Stirling of Keir, 1742.

5. Archibald Stirling of Keir, 1778.

6. William Stirling of Hertfordshire, 1746.



1. John Stirling of Keir  
Lord Attorney General

2. John Stirling  
of Keir

3. Archibald Stirling  
of Keir

4. James Stirling

5. George

6. John Stirling of Keir

1. Sir John Stirling of Keir, Knight, 1532.
2. Sir James Stirling of Keir, Knight, 1541.
3. Sir Archibald Stirling of Keir, Knight, 1569.
4. Sir James Stirling of Keir, Knight, 1606.
5. Sir George Stirling of Keir, Knight, 1634.
6. Sir John Stirling of Keir, Knight, 1675.



7. Janet ~~Stirling~~ Lady of ~~Cadder~~
8. Jane ~~Christlane~~ Lady Keir
9. Elizabeth Stirling
10. Grissell Ross Lady Keir
11. Margaret Napier
12. Anna

13. *Lilias Colquhoun*

7. Janet Stirling, Lady Cadder, 1541.
8. Jane Christlane, Lady Keir, 1546.
9. Elizabeth Stirling, wife of John Napier of Merchiston, 1567.
10. Grissell Ross, Lady Keir, 1613.
11. Margaret Napier, Lady Keir, 1645.
12. Anna House, wife of Sir James Stirling younger of Keir, 1698.
13. Lilias Colquhoun, wife of Sir John Stirling of Keir, 1675.



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A cursive signature in black ink, appearing to read "James II".

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A cursive signature in black ink, appearing to read "James V".

3

A cursive signature in black ink, appearing to read "James V".

4

A cursive signature in black ink, appearing to read "The Regent Arran".

5

A cursive signature in black ink, appearing to read "The Regent Lennox".

6

A cursive signature in black ink, appearing to read "Oliver Cromwell".

1. James II., 1440.  
2. James V., 1526.

3. James V., 1526.  
4. The Regent Arran, 1549.

5. The Regent Lennox, 1550.  
6. Oliver Cromwell, 1653.



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Robertus glasney dux glas

2

James Ruthven archb[is]p glas

3

James Ruthven archb[is]p glas

4

Ja Raday

5

Ja Ruthven

1. Robert (Blaeud) Archbishop of Glasgow, 1525.
2. James Ruthven, Archbishop of Glasgow, 1522.
3. Gavin (Danbar) Archbishop of Glasgow, 1524.

4. James Ruthven Archbishop of St. Andrews, 1526.
5. James Chisholm Bishop of Dunblane, 1526.



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6. Alexander Stewart, Bishop of Murray, 1531.
7. Robert Stewart Bishop of Caithness, 1534.
8. William Chisholm Bishop of Dunblane, 1551.
9. Robert (Leighton) Bishop of Dunblane, c. 1670.

10. The Rev. Dr. George Wishart, attorney of Edinburgh, 1649.
11. Arthur Rossi Archbishop of Glasgow, 1686.
12. Alexander Rose Bishop of Edinburgh, 1714.



1. *Malcolmy*  
 2. *Malcolmy*  
 3. *Malcolmy*

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*Malcolmy*

*Malcolmy*

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*Malcolmy*

8

*Malcolmy*

1. Archibald Earl of Angus, 1526.
2. Matthew Earl of Lennox, 1526.
3. Colin Earl of Douglas, 1526.
4. Archibald Marquis of Argyle, 1661.

5. Archibald ninth Earl of Argyle, 1661.
6. John Earl of Argyll, 1671.
7. John Lord Argyll, afterwards Duke of Argyll, 1687.
8. Alexander Lord Argyll, 1674.



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1. Mr. John Bellon son of Aachnenie, Clerk of Justiciary, 1553.
2. Margaret Baillie, Lady Luss, c. 1657.
3. Albrecht Crichton, Provost of Dundee, 1541.
4. John sixth Earl of Cassilis, 1656.
5. James first Earl of Calander, 1552.

6. Alexander second Earl of Calander, 1657.
7. William first Earl of Darnaldie, 1657.
8. General Francis Dalzell of Bons, 1657.
9. Alexander sixth Earl of Linton, 1651.
10. George sixth Lord Elsank, 1757.



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1. Mr. James Fullis of C. Dunross, 1543.
2. Patrick Lord of the Graham, 1442.
3. John to the Lord of Gray, 1775.
4. William ninth Earl of Morton, c. 1653.
5. Sir Thomas Hamilton of Prestonfield, 1612.
6. Sir James Hamilton of Tyrwhitt, 1527.

7. Alexander Lord of Huntly, 1519.

8. 9. Alexander Master of Huntly, Lord Huntly, 1541.

10. George third Lord of Glamis, c. 1673.

11. David Leslie, afterwards Lord Newark, 1651.

12. Jane Hay, Countess of Mar, 1652.



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2. 3. Mather, 1777.
4. Abigail Mather, 1778.
5. John Mather, 1778.

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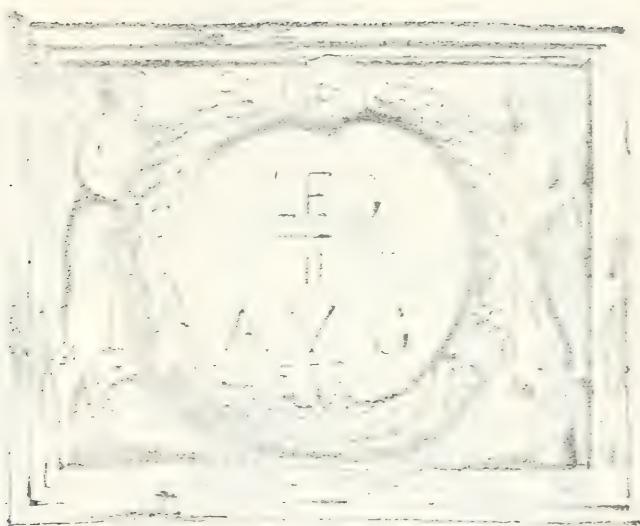
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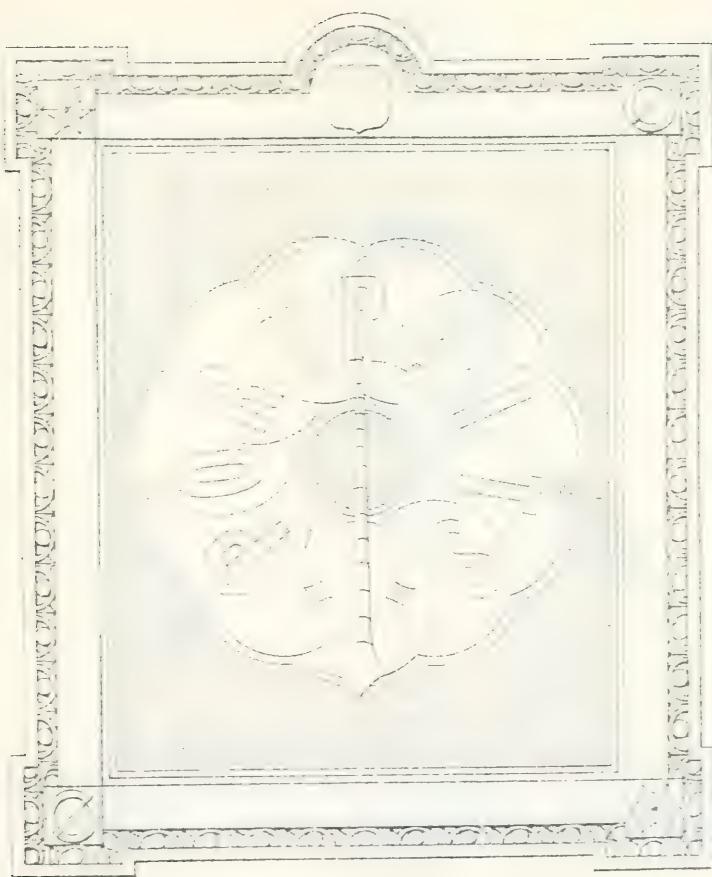
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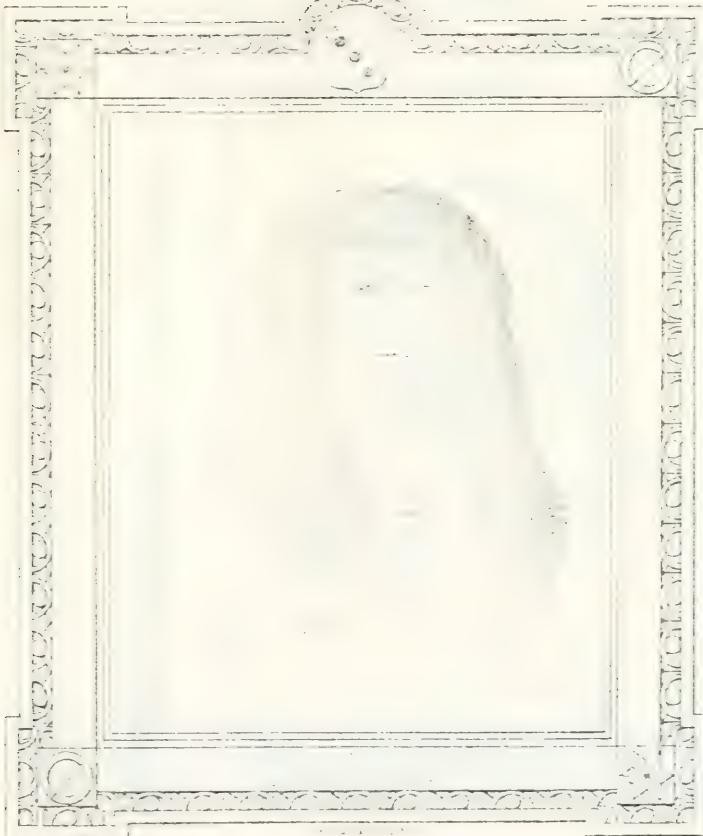
















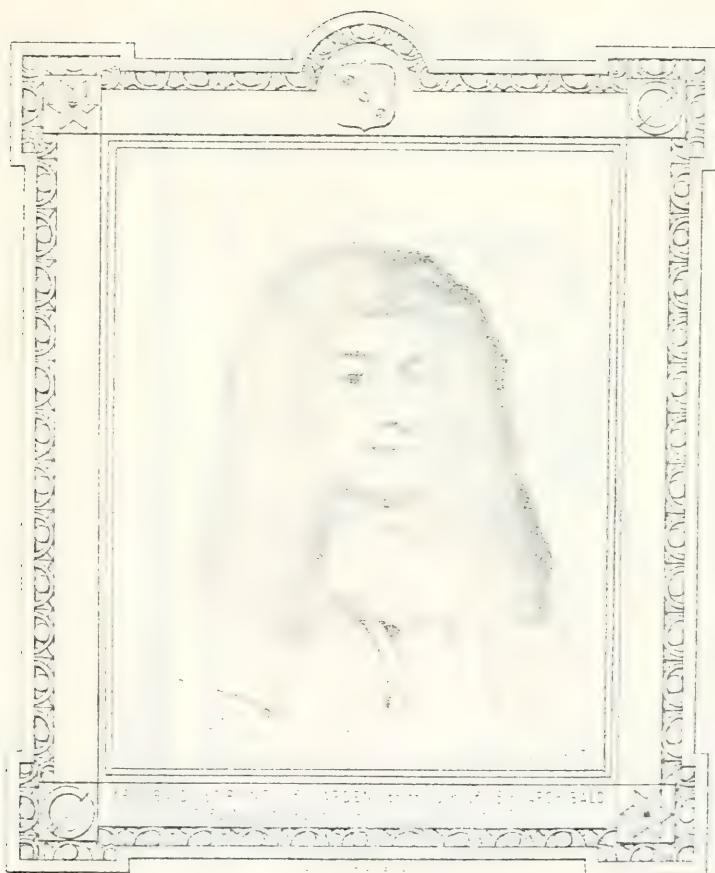












































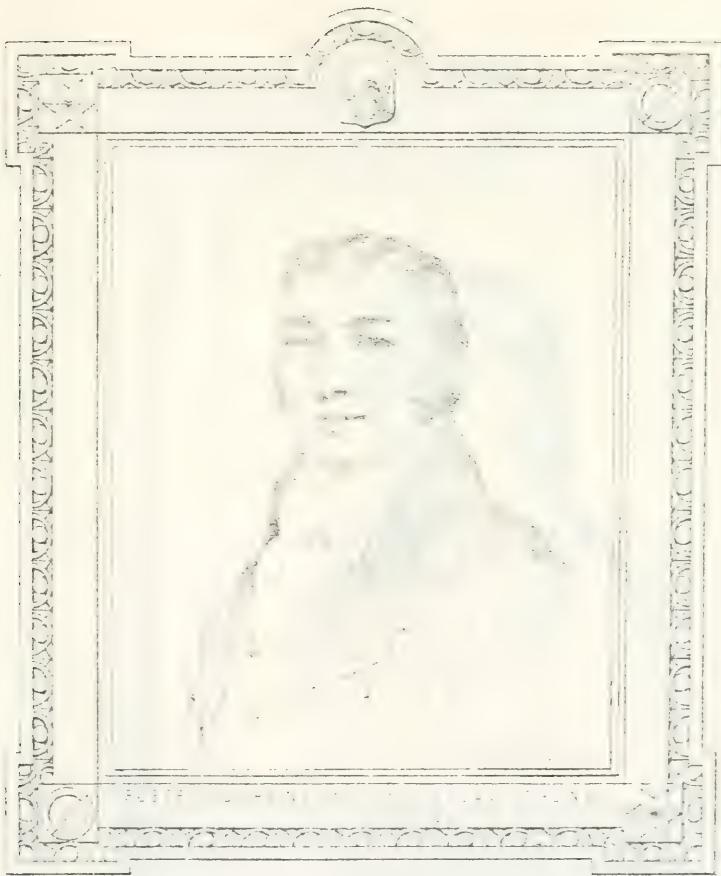




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